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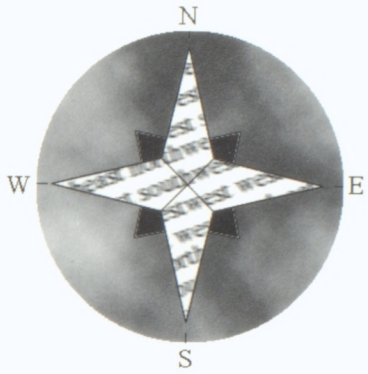
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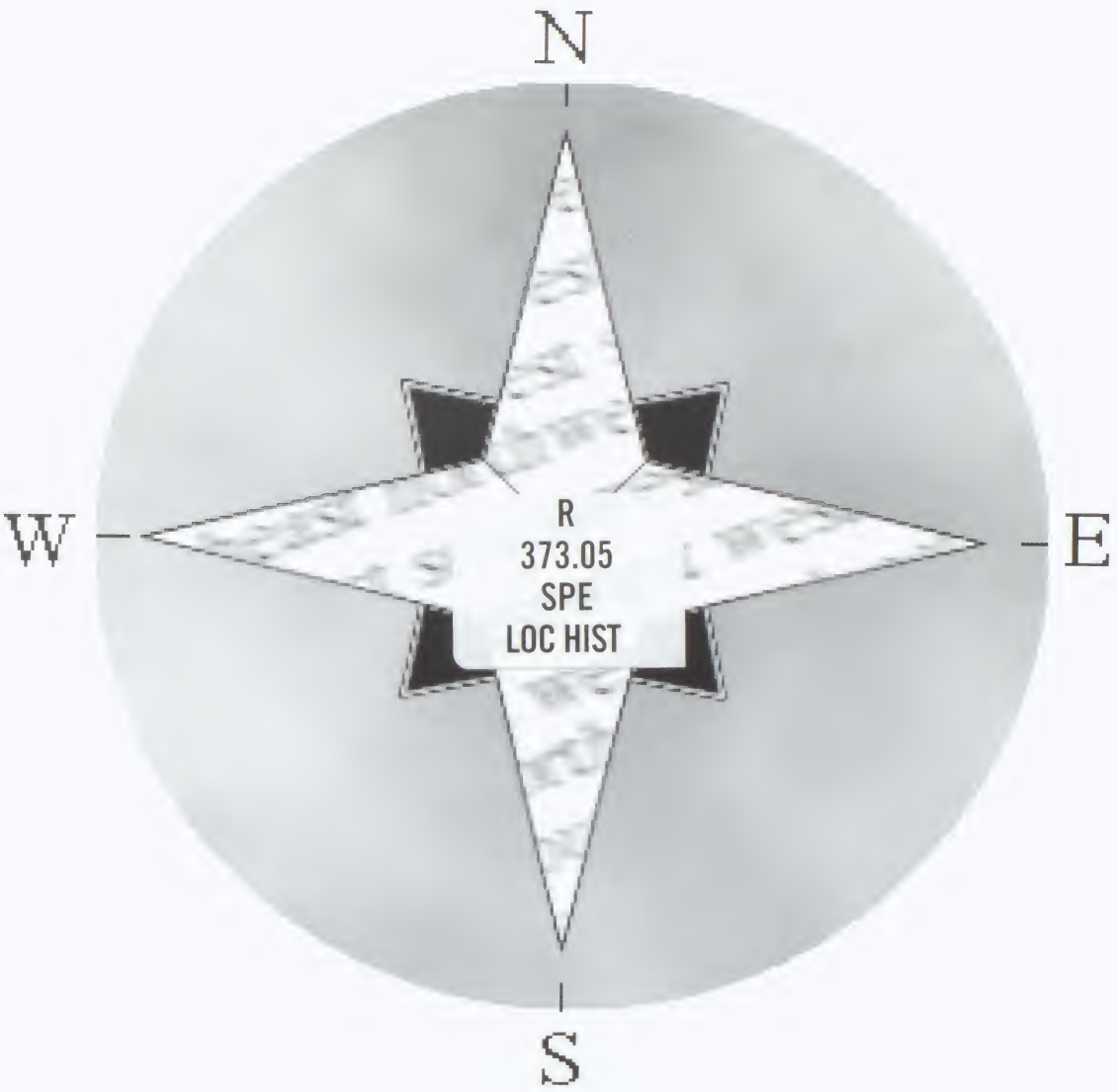

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entrance fueling up ...

It has been a long day for Joel Maningat ('01) and he is resting on his silver Honda. Doesn't it look like he is getting ready to take a road trip?

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Photo: Alissa Catus

What would be your advice to someone just entering Niles West?

"Don't mess with the seniors." --David Ceisel ('01)

Photo: Alissa Catus

What do you hope to get on your journey through Niles West?

"I'd like to be an important person on the cross country team. One word to describe my after school activities is fun." --Benjamin Grover ('04) In addition to cross country, Grover plans to try out for the gymnastics team. He is also a member of the Scandinavian Club and the Science Olympiad.

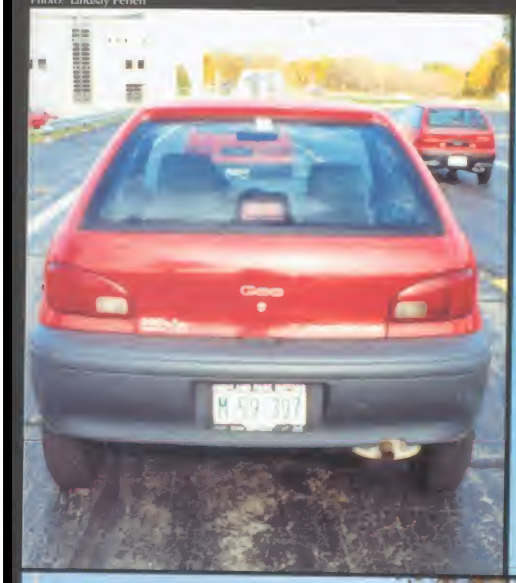
Photo: Alissa Catus

What and who would you take with you on a road trip? Where would you go?

"I would take 100 CDs and a trunk full of Ho-Hos and two liters of Mountain Dew. I would go with a whole bunch of my friends and we would drive to California." --Max Levin ('02)

Load up the Geo Metro, we are going on a road trip! This car is from Niles West's driving range, where many students learn the necessary physical driving skills.

Photo: Lindsay Perlen



In order to avoid being bothered by the police, be wary of the speed limit. In this area, the speed limit is a mere 15 miles per hour.

Photo: Lindsay Perlen

The highway is an exciting, magical place. Every car has its own unique destination. Do you think any of these cars are headed towards Niles West?

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Welcome to Oakton Street, where wonder and magic never cease and where Niles West High School is located.

Don't these poles look like the smoke stacks from the Titanic? They actually lead to the entrance of the Niles West science wing.

Edward Choe ('01)

Lana Emerson ('01) and Kyleen Garcia ('01)

Rest area: 20 miles

Student Life

Akber Hussain ('01)

Julie Muszynski ('01), Vanessa Turika ('01), Meghan Kearns ('01), Pamela Quinn ('01), and Sonja Vranes ('01)

Tracey Tamondong ('01) and Valentina Gabriel ('01)

Life for students at West isn't all work. High School provides many "rest areas" and "speed bumps" which give the students the opportunity to slow down and enjoy themselves.

Photo Courtesy of Roshni Amin

Smiling next to his sand house, Divyesh Patel ('01) enjoys a sunny day on the beach. Could there be a future as an architect ahead for Patel?

Taking a break in between workshops, Amy Rainey ('02), George Kondiles ('01), Michael Bregman ('01), and Natalie Senatore ('01) smile for the camera. These *West Word* staffers spent their summer attending NSPA Journalism Workshops at the University of Minnesota.

Photo Courtesy of Amy Rainey

Photo Courtesy of Lauren Curry

Students by day, glamorous performers by night. Leah Federman ('01), Lana Emerson ('01), and Lauren Curry ('01) sing their hearts out at an evening of karaoke!

Photo: Courtesy of Marissa Spitz

Photo: Courtesy of Sabrina Ehmke

Photo: Courtesy of Mindy Sukantawanich

Fun in the HEAT

Summer. Who knew that one word could mean so many different things? Some will argue that summer is a time to sit around and do absolutely nothing. Others believe that summer is a time to sharpen their skills in sports. There are some students whose school year segues into the summer as they attend summer school. Stores also receive an immense number of applications as students take advantage of their free time to earn some money.

Steven Phillips ('02) believes that summer is a time to "chillax," which is exactly what he did. Unlike Phillips, Hannah Rutzen ('03) had to rush back and forth between Driver's Education and Poms practice three days a week for two months straight.

Erin Finnicum ('04) spent her summer playing softball. Finnicum said, "I played softball this summer because of my passion to compete. I learned that greatness cannot be achieved without discipline." Like Finnicum, Samantha Hagio ('02) also spent her time working hard. She was one of many students who decided to take on a summer job in order to make a few bucks. Reflecting on her experience at Michael's craft store, Hagio said, "I will remember my job as a place where I worked and made absolutely nothing."

There are also students who take advantage of the free time in order to attend summer school or visit colleges. Andrew Kim ('02) headed to Niles North every day for six weeks in order to earn credit in Consumer Education. Kim also visited colleges in hopes of finding the perfect college to attend.

However a person might spend his summer, there is one thing that summer means to everyone. It is hearing that last bell on a Friday in June and knowing that finals and seven-hour school days will be nonexistent for the next three months. --Angie Kang

Photo: Courtesy of Megan Stark

Photo: Courtesy of Beeta Azarnoosh

Clockwise From Top Left: Marissa Spitz ('02), Alex Harris ('02), Ji Hae Kim ('02), and Andrea Roiniotis ('03); Carolyn Aler ('01), Beth Garstki ('02), Victoria Quillen ('01), and Sabrina Ehmke ('01); Krystyna Yang ('01), Mindy Sukantawanich ('01), and Agatha Kubalski ('01); Megan Stark ('03) and Jonathan Hester ('03); Beeta Azarnoosh ('03) and Carrie Poulsom ('02).

Photo: Sergey Shkapintokh

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Clockwise From Above: Todd Kane ('02) Famous Footwear; George Bialkowski ('01) Best Buy; Darryl Sher ('02) Party City; Jay Chazen ('03) Jeremy's Hot Delicious; Ramsena Toma ('02) Dean's Office.

On the Payroll

Working hard, or hardly working? That is a question that is frequently asked among our working high school students. It's hard to balance school and work at the same time. For some students, it means going to work for four, five maybe even six hours per night! That is nearly twelve hours students spend between school and work. But when do they have time to do their homework or have any sort of a social life? Needless to say, our hard working high schoolers have found out how to adapt to this. Most enjoy the responsibilities and freedom that come with being employed.

Of course there are students who enjoy the freedom of not being employed. Most freshmen do not have jobs and don't have to worry about things like car payments or credit card bills. Freshmen are lucky in that way--for now. Pretty soon they, too, will have to save up for the car, college, or maybe a little pocket money at the end of the week. Unfortunately saving is the hardest part.-- Ashlee Christian

Photo: Andriana Matanic

If you like computers and you don't mind the color red, then Comp USA is a good place to work. Stanley Berezhanskiy ('02) is looking quite "school spirity" surrounded by all the red and white.

Boxes, boxes...and more boxes. By the look of this picture you would think Jason Crawford ('02) works at a shipping company instead of Wacamaw.

Photo: Andriana Matanic

Photo: Courtesy of Robyn Kaplan

What is a hostess to do? Robyn Kaplan ('01) seems to find stuff to do even when Karizma Bistro is not swarming with customers.

Going Going Gone...

Below From Top: Joel Maningat ('01) does a good job of maintaining his Honda CRX Si. The metallic silver paint job gives this hatchback a race-car look. Patrick Donoghue ('02) uses his forest green Jeep to get around. "The best part about it, is the backseat folds into a bed," stated Donoghue.

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Photo: Alex Harris

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Do you ever wonder who is behind those black tinted windows, or driving that new sports car? Well, its probably a student at Niles West! Students are driving some of the newest and oldest cars. Many tend to add accessories to their cars, such as loud stereo systems, rims, and performance parts to make their cars go faster. Some of the most common cars are Mustangs, SUVs, and Hondas. Many value their cars because they are their main source of transportation. --Lena Rubins

Below: This new car is not owned by one of our esteemed faculty members, it belongs to siblings Alex('02) and Tobias Harris ('01). "Our other car was falling apart and the back window wouldn't roll up," stated Tobias. Ranging from imports to American, this group of cars parks side by side for a quick shot. These cars are all owned by seniors. This white Ford Mustang is one of the cars that is seen in the parking lot every day. From the looks of it, Rafal Stachurski ('01) tries to keep this car in good shape and gives it a sporty appearance.

Photo: Angela Pabalan

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"This car is my life!" claims Beth Pizarro ('01) as she sits outside of her window. Pizarro got this car from her parents as a gift for receiving her license.

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Below: George Poulos is ('01) imagining that this is his car, but it is really Israel Garcia's ('01) Jeep Wrangler. "Man, I wish I had this car!" said Poulos. "This car is my dream car. I've been waiting for it for about a year now and now it's mine!" says Tiffany Yu ('01).

Photo: Angela Pabalan

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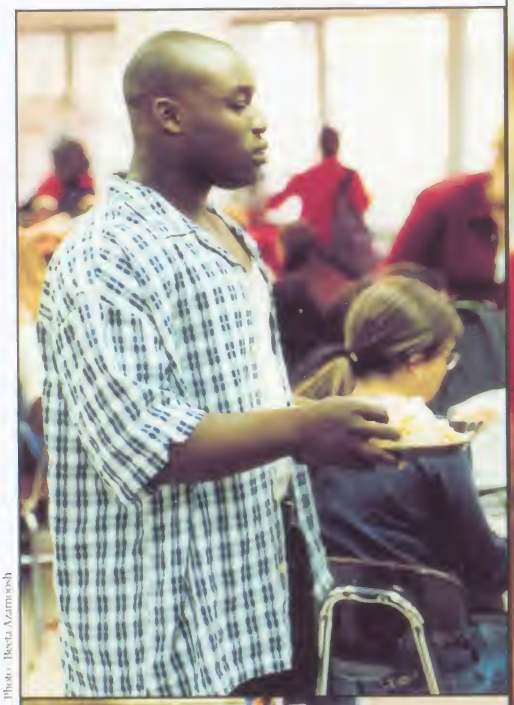
Left: Look at that car shine! Aarti Patel ('01) just got a new Toyota Celica for her 16th birthday and she uses it for school and leisure purposes.

Pastel colors made a big comeback; so did turtleneck apparel. Here Kari Chaiken ('04) models a bright yellow turtleneck sweater.

Photo: Beeta Azamoosh

Emmanuel Simon ('02) tries to find his seat, not knowing that his trendy style will land him a place in the yearbook.



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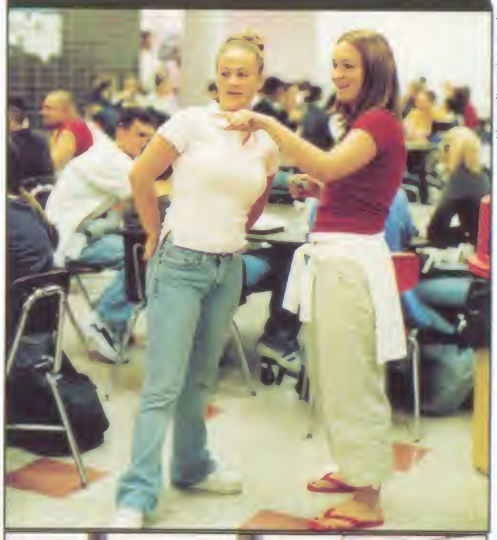
Tanya Kucybala ('01) sports the casual jeans and white T-shirt look. This is a favorite of many students.

What's your Style?

Clockwise From Bottom: Jaclyn Eiseman ('02) and Joanna Cornici ('02); David Berkley ('01); Marko Kljajic ('01) and Jenny Allen ('03); Lea Bingayen ('01); Margaret Hellum ('02) show us their sense of fashion.



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When people enter high school, they rush to hide the remains of their junior high image. Many turn to stores such as Gap, Structure, and Old Navy to start their trendy, new look. Others run down to Belmont Avenue. Some just don't care and start their year off wearing pajama pants and a T-shirt. Whatever they prefer, it comes down to their own tastes.

-Top 5 Stores:

1) Old Navy
2) Structure
3) Abercrombie & Fitch
4) Gap
5) Express

-Who pays for your clothes?

57% say that their parents buy their clothes
43% say that they buy their own clothes

-Do you have your own particular "look"?

69% say yes they do
31% say no they don't

-Are you affected by what your friends wear?

23% say that their friends do affect what they wear
77% say that they are not affected by what their friends wear

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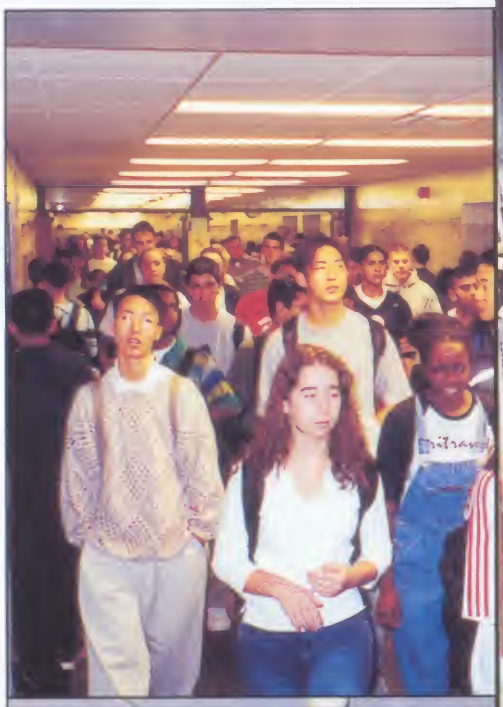
This is taken near the Dean's office where it gets really crowded. Students just hang around here during passing period, making it hard for other students to pass by.



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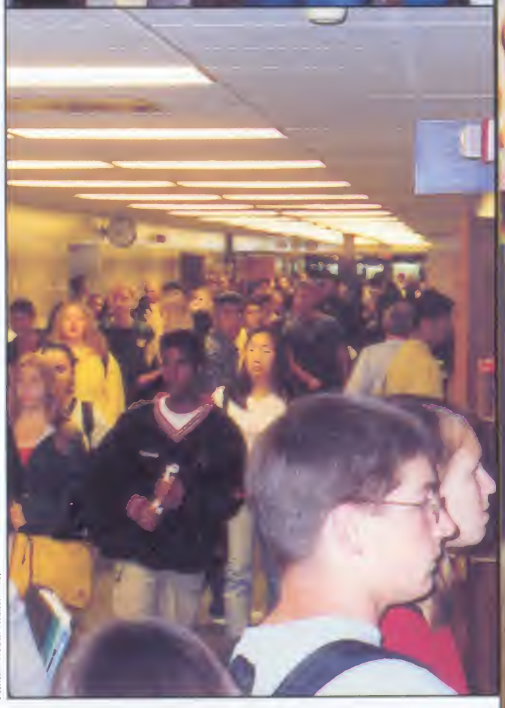

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"I hate it when people walk so slow in the hallway and when they push," said Jhemma Castro ('01). Many students voted on crowded halls as their number one pet peeve.

Photo: Sergey Shvarpunkh

"You drive me crazy, I just can't sleep..." Steve Nasshan ('01) can relate to these words from the Britney Spears album. He is one of Britney's number one fans. His friends say that all he talks about is Britney, Britney, Britney.

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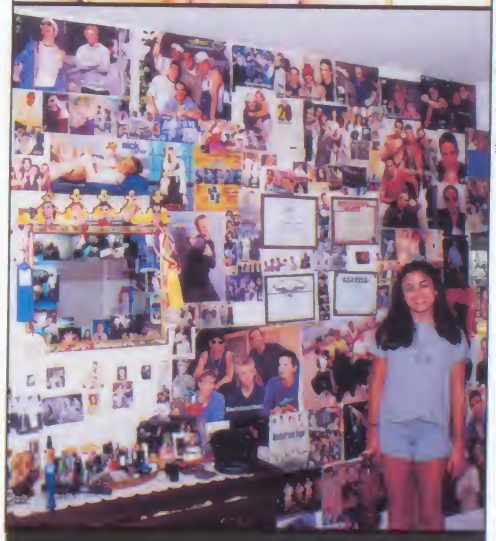


Old guitars, rocks, Beanie Babies, basketball cards, "Love is...," Precious Moments, foreign coins, stamps, sticker, postcards, and candles...these are some of the many things that can be found in the bedrooms of your fellow classmates.

Sometimes we wonder why people collect and obsess over things. "Honestly, I don't even know why I collect them. I think they are cute and the saying gets to me," says Marian Gamboa ('01) who collects *Love is* comics. Some people collect things because they're obsessed with them. Kristina Govostis ('03), who has pictures and posters of Backstreet Boys all over her room; she just "cannot get enough of them."

As far as pet peeves, many people have plenty of things to complain about. "I hate it when people just stop in the hallway to talk. They block the whole hallway," says Kate Miyamoto ('01). Other people hate it when people push in the hallways. The point is, the hallways are always crowded, so let's try to *walk* for a change! --Lea Bingayen

Collections & Pet Peeves

Clockwise From Top Left: Anna Chaiken ('03) with her Britney Spears collection; Alex Buc ('03) with his DVD collection; Araxsi Biberian ('04) with her beanie baby collection; Marian Gamboa ('01) with her "Love is..." collection; Kristina Govostis ('03) with her Backstreet Boys collection.

Photo: Courtesy of Angela Kang

Photo: Courtesy of Lynn Hohs

Photo: Courtesy of Shirley Trinh

Photo: Courtesy of Alex Harris

Photo: Courtesy of Kathie Kozlowski

Clockwise from above: Kathie ('01), Garret ('04) and Kyle ('01) Kozlowski; Alex ('02) and Tobias ('01) Harris; Angela ('02) and Steve ('04) Kang; Lynn ('01), Heather ('03) and Karen ('02) Hohs; Shirley ('01) and Elizabeth ('01) Trinh.

All in the Family

Many relationships are developed as one progresses through high school. Yet, there are students at our school who have known one another since before school was even a thought. These people are siblings: brothers, sisters, fraternal twins, identical twins. You name it, this school has it. Now, as many people know, living with siblings can be very strenuous. Fights over the phone or clothes are almost guaranteed to break out. Imagine going to school with your siblings, as well as living with them! Many students deal with this, day in and day out. Laura Phillips ('04) stated, "The best thing about going to school with my brothers is that it's easier to meet people, but I hate that they know every detail of my life!" Many complaints like this arise, but there are some students who like going to school with their siblings. Just ask Shirley Trinh ('01). "It's great! Liz drives to school while I eat breakfast. If you want complaints, you should probably ask Liz!" Other perks about having a sibling at school are having a guaranteed ride home and being able to borrow lunch money with no questions asked. However, there is one problem that almost every brother or sister in this school has, which can be addressed by, "I DON'T look like my sibling!" --Pam Quinn

Photo: Courtesy of Laura Phillips

Posing for their parents, Kevin ('01), Steven ('02), and Laura ('04) Phillips take a quick picture. Even at a young age, siblings are very willing to smile for a family picture.

Holding hands tightly, Wendy ('01) and Ashley ('04) Ng take a moment to preserve a memory. Contrary to popular belief, some siblings really do get along!

Photo: Courtesy of Wendy Ng

Photo: Courtesy of Lana Emerson

Jumping rope or quietly plotting against her brother? Lana ('01) and Nik ('04) Emerson spend quality time together while their parents quickly capture their childhood joy.

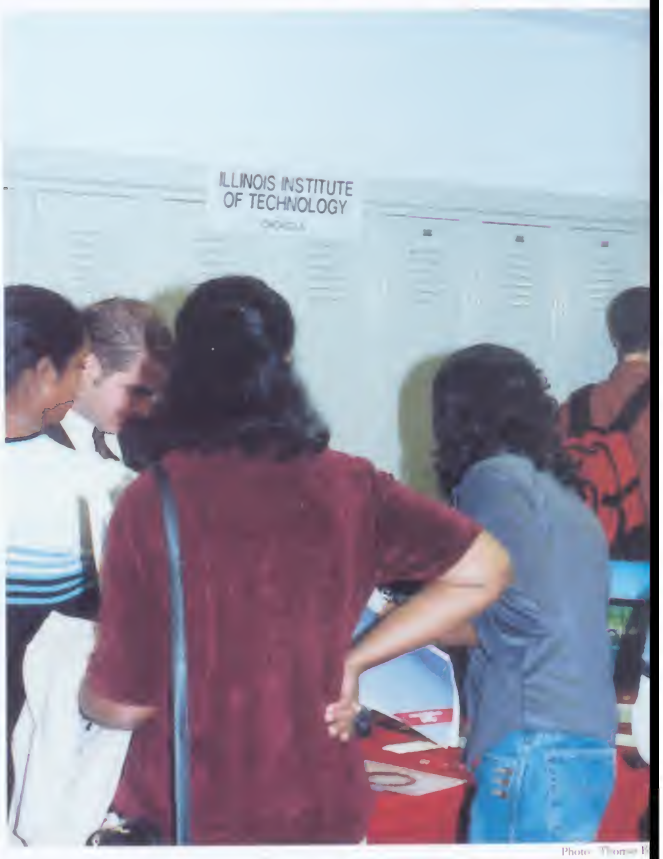
Detour ahead

Special Events

The Marching Band prepares to leave the school for the '00 homecoming parade. After the assembly, interested students follow the band through downtown Skokie, reveling in school pride.

Gary Chin ('01) and Joe DiMaria ('01) stand on stage during Accolades to receive academic awards from Principal Dr. Roger Stein. Every year Accolades honors student academic achievements.

2000 Graduates look on as their high school years come to an end at graduation. The graduation ceremony is full of speeches that cause students to reflect on the past four years and putts the audience in a somber mood.



Right: Josh Solomon ('03) and Jenny Stevens ('02) perform a Sister Hazel cover at the '00 Variety Show.

Far Right: Students anxiously crowd around representatives at the annual college fair. Students are fortunate enough to recieve the opportunity to meet with many colleges at one time.

The faculty and student body are treated to a number of special events throughout the course of the school year which offer a nice "detour" from daily humdrum school days.

Photo: Courtesy of Alissa Catis

Remember Me This Way

Roshni Amin ('01)

Cabinet member remembers

" I was glad to see that all the work I put into them was well accepted when I passed out the favors. It made me happy to be there, to see how everyone felt about them and to see our hard work put into action."

Photo: Alex Harris

Trying to find a last minute date, securing a limousine, buying, renting and altering their garments, and making last minute reservations... It is a week before prom and while seniors are running around, a group of frazzled juniors are running around as well. While many of these juniors are not planning on attending prom, they are actually planning the prom.

The Junior Cabinet plans prom every year. The group meets every Thursday during mods 14-16 and plans the event six to seven months in advance.

"The work wasn't that much because we were divided into groups. Each group did a certain part of the planning," stated class president David Berkley ('01).

For instance, Ankur Patel ('01) helped choose the favors that were given out at the glamorous event. Berkley aided in the decorations. Ayesha Quadri ('01), last year's junior class president, did not do as much as she would have liked to have done.

"As president, I delegated some of the responsibilities and tried to help out in making decisions," stated Quadri.

The seniors started raising money their freshman year in Cabinet.

"In order to raise money we sold M&M's, Panera Bread, Tupperware and ushered at Northwestern football games," said Patel.

"We also sold Jolly Ranchers and Airheads," added Quadri.

But there is more to prom than fundraising and committees.

"My least favorite part about planning prom was wrapping the labels on bubble bottles and forcing others to complete their tasks," stated Quadri.

"I had sports after school, which would sometimes interfere with the planning," said Berkley. "But the best part was seeing it all come together."

--Alex Harris

Photo: Reina Uhler

Operation "Prom 2000" was sponsored by the SADD Club. The totaled automobile was used in a skit performed by the club in order to remind students about the consequences of drinking and driving.

Photo: Courtesy of Joyce Sia

Joyce Sia ('01) poses with her date, Tony Kim ('00). From the looks of their untouched meals, they seemed to be too excited to eat.

Photo: Kelly O'Reilly

Prom King Dan Szpara and Queen Lee Gross flash their pearly whites. Gross played in the regional soccer game earlier that day against Niles North. The game had to be moved to 1:00 due to the prom.

Photo: Kelly O'Reilly

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Due to the lack of space at the Knickerbocker Hotel downtown, the prom was held at the Northbrook Hilton instead. This did not stop Alexander Shabad ('00) and Sara Lichter ('00) from enjoying their last school function before graduation.

Vickie Gates ('00) and Vincent Claunch ('00) dance to the beat of the Ralph Wilder Orchestra. The Ralph Wilder Orchestra played at the 1999 prom as well.

Reaching Your Goals

Photo: Courtesy of Jason Limjoco

Jason Limjoco ('00)

"All I could think about was the great times I had in high school. I knew it was the end of something special, but the beginning of something greater."

Photo: Courtesy of Richard Trinh

Richard Trinh ('00)

"I watched all my friends walk across the stage to receive their diplomas. The past four years of high school flashed before me as if they were just yesterday."

Mike Kim ('00)

"Before graduation, I had already felt that high school was over, and all my friends wouldn't be in Hawaii with me. Reality hit me early."

Photo: Courtesy of Richard Trinh

Photo: Rost

Allison Nevalga ('00)

"I felt so many different things--happy, sad, excited. I knew that after that special night, nothing would ever be the same."

Niki Dimoulis('00)

"When I sat with all my friends, I found it hard to believe we were really finished with high school. What a relief!"

Photo: Rost

Photo - Root

The graduates are waiting for their names to be called to get their diplomas. Excited about the post graduation parties, they cannot wait for the graduation ceremony to end.

Photo - Root

Proud to be part of the class of 2000, Vince Claunch is sad to leave Niles West.

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Greg Halloran and Lisa Hastings attend the graduation ceremony. They hide their sadness with smiles.

Obviously, Philip Bae feels good about where he is. His smile and firm handshake make words unneccessary.

Marc Guillen is proud to be one of the graduates of Niles West. Marc will never forget this happy moment.

Homecoming 2000

Evelyn Raffanti

Spirit in its fullest

Glitz 'n Glamour on the loose. Math teacher Evelyn Raffanti was caught striking a pose Tuesday, October 3rd. Other Spirit Week dress up days included Pajama Day, Twin Day, College Day, and Red and White Day.

Photo: Angela Pabalan

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Kathy Undas ('01)

Choir float wins third place

"Building the choir float at my house was very fun because it gave people from different choirs a chance to meet and hang out together."

Gary Chin ('01)

Eaten by a shark

All the clubs that participated in the parade spent many of their evenings working hard on their floats the week before Homecoming. It was no surprise to see such creative floats such as the Japanese and Thai Club's float.

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Photo: Courtesy of Tiffany Yu

Renju Pathadan ('01)

Dancing the night away

Eric Arima ('01) with date Wendy Ng ('01) and Tiffany Yu ('01) with Renju Pathadan ('01). "Homecoming was a special night where everyone got to loosen up and have fun."

Ida Plaza ('02)

Spreading spirit

Cheerleaders always dress up in their uniforms on Fridays, cheer on the football players through the night despite the score, smile, and do their best at the assemblies and the half time shows. Plaza is one of many involved in spreading school spirit.

Photo: Root

Photo: Root

Ignoring the 30 degree weather, many give a last tribute to the former mascot, the Indian. In response to the football team's continuous lead over GBS, the crowd was on their feet all night.

The JV pommers are known for putting on an entertaining half time show. To a dancer, smiles and attitude go a long way.

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Photo: Angela Pabalan

Yells were heard in the air the night on the 6th of October. Football players show their enthusiasm about their victory over GBS.

Advancing a yardline at a time, the football team took a victory over GBS.

The mischievous Midnight Riders are responsible for the toilet paper decorations found early on the morning of a football game. Wendy Ng ('01) and Katleya Reyes ('01) get caught in the act.

Hollywood Nights

Photo: Root

Dana Vizuri ('01)

Getting her groove on

Talk about having fun. For many, the dance is an opportunity to relax and take time away from doing homework to simply laugh and enjoy themselves. Homecoming is the one night a year students dress up, spend over one hundred dollars on dinner, and dance the night away.

Photo: Root

Jamie Willis ('03)

Making the crowd go wild

Pommers are famous for snappy dance moves and catchy outfits. This year brings the birth of the JV pom squad. The girls perform at the JV football and basketball games. The future is bright for these talented young dancers.

Aarti Patel ('01)

An exuse to wear pajamas

Pajama pants, sweatshirts, slippers, and a teddy--that is what pajama day is all about. Pajama day is the only day sleeping in class will not get you a detention.

Photo: Angela Palvalan

Photo: Root

Jamal Salem ('02)

Entertainment at its peak

Marching Band is responsible for much of the music heard at the football games. Not only does the band put on a half time show, they also play many tunes in the stands to keep the crowd on their feet.

Tina Gabriel ('01)

Talk about tired

The week of Homecoming is a busy one. Gabriel takes time out to rest for the big weekend ahead. Sleeping in the cafe is not an uncommon sight; Homecoming week is no exception.

Photo: Angela Palvalan

Photo: Root

By painting his face, football player Martin Gibbs ('03) expresses the importance of school spirit. Both JV and Varsity won the Homecoming game that night.

The Marching Band and Color Guard made two stops to perform for the students at Madison and Edison. "I love the rush I get when I perform. It's a feeling you do not understand unless you experience it yourself," said Sabrina Ehmke ('01).

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Photo: Courtesy of Pamela Quinn

Photo: Root

Photo: Beeta Azamoosh

"I was both excited and surprised. Winning the title of Homecoming Queen definitely makes my senior year a lot more memorable," said Pamela Quinn ('01).

Strutting their stuff, the Pommers put on another fabulous performance during the Homecoming pep assembly.

Painted cars such as this one were not an uncommon sight in the parking lot. The Pommers painted cars of seniors and football players to promote school spirit and encourage a victory Friday night.

Are You Ready to Leave High School?

Erica Sher ('01)

"I received a lot of information on the colleges I was interested in. It makes my decision a lot easier and gives me a better idea about where I want to go."

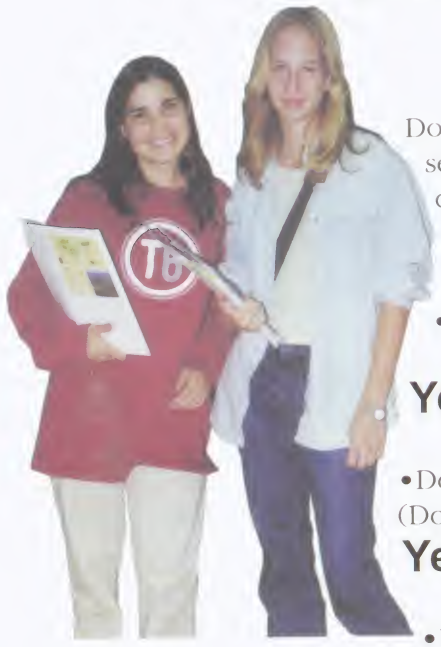

Photo: Andriana Matarin

Do you really think that you are ready to leave high school? Leave the security of teachers and the guidance of counselors? Well, here is a little quiz you can take to see whether or not you are ready.

•Do you know how to cook anything other than Ramen Noodle Soup?

Yes No

•Do you know how to separate whites from colors when doing the laundry? (Do you, in fact, know how to *do* the laundry?)

Yes No

•Do you have any source of income other than the allowance you get from your parents?

Yes No

•Other than relying on your mommy and daddy, can you wake up by yourself in the mornings to get to school?

Yes No

•Are you ready to live with anyone other than your family members?

Yes No

•Do you have the pizza delivery guy's phone number on speed dial?

Yes No

Mostly No: Be prepared to...experience high school all over again!
Mostly Yes: Congratulations! Unlike those who answered mostly in the negative, you will be able to make it in the real world of college, U.S.A. Good Luck!

Photo: Angela Pahalan

Angela Taylor ('01), Alexine Grenda ('01), and Adam Rosenthal ('01) hope to find the perfect college. Having high standards for the future, Grenda says, "Where's the Yale brochure?"

In hopes of receiving useful information for the future, Georgia Vokolos ('02) and Max Levin ('02) fill out cards for the University of Chicago.

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Students pack into the contest gym for College Night. 255 colleges attended and it was a great opportunity, not only for seniors and juniors, but for sophomores and freshmen as well.

Saaraa Alam ('02) signs up to get the college information she needs. Alam plans on majoring in business when she graduates.

"The Army is a great place for women. There are many opportunities for you ladies," said Sergeant Lewis to Jennifer McKinney ('03) and Jennifer Figueroa ('03).

Recognizing Our Culture

Brandon Igra ('03)

A.K.A. Symptom

"As a single soldier in this war I can only sacrifice myself for what I believe in. Armed with a microphone and God's blessing, I choose to fight racism through my form of creative expression. Racism resides in the hearts and corrupts the minds of too many."

Photo: Reid

Photo: Alex Harris

Wendy Ng ('01)

Chinese/Thai Club President

"International Night brings groups of different ethnicities together. What brings them together is their ability to display their culture for other people to see, which is expressed through, songs, dances, and various performances."

Sarah Klein ('01)

African American Club Member

"It is a fight for peace, for people to tolerate and RESPECT one another. We aren't preaching that everyone should love one another and be one big happy family, just that there is a certain type of respect that regardless of anything, everyone deserves. That is all we ask for. "

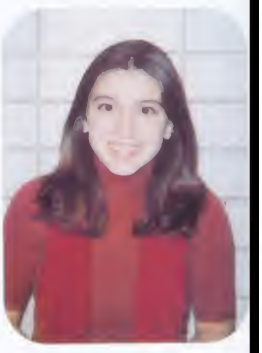

Photo: Aya Harris

Margaret Leisner ('02)

German Club Member

"Last year and this year we [German Club] have been singing modern songs. This shies away from the stereotypical view that the world has of the German Culture."

Julia Pyatetsky ('01)

Gay Straight Alliance

"I had a great time participating in the Martin Luther King Jr. assembly. I'm glad that the Gay Straight Alliance was asked to participate. It was great that we were able to get our message across. The most important message in the assembly is respect. Tolerance comes from respect. That is the message we are trying to get across to the students; tolerance."

Photo: Rost

Right: Lonnie Williams ('02) portrays biracial author James McBride. Bethsheba Mayden ('03) plays McBride's mother Ruth McBride Jordan. In this scene, McBride learns to accept his heritage.

Below: Joshua Solomon ('03) plays his guitar as Jennifer Stevens ('02) sings Melissa Etheridge's *Scarecrow*. This was performed to recognize hate crimes towards homosexuals.

Photo: Rost

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Above: Leaps and turns; swirls and spins. Dancers gracefully float across the stage as they dance to Boyz II Men song, *I Will Get There*. The dance was choreographed by African American Club member Elizabeth Walton ('02).

Right: Amy Gullen ('01) and Tage Klint ('04) reenact a Sankta Lucia ceremony. This ceremony has become as much of an icon as Santa Claus in Sweeden.

Above: The Assyrian Club clad in sweatpants and T-shirts demonstrate the Boobara. The club also performed the Belati and the Khega Yaqoura (all common dances).

Variety is the Spice of Life

Zachary Villano ('01)

One Man Stage Crew

Photo: Alissa Cantu

Without even having to try out, Zachary Villano was one of the most important participant in the variety show. Only one person could clear the stage of band equipment, in record time for dancers while placing microphone stands where needed.

Photo: Angela Pahalad

Mr. Robert Nortillo

Emcee

"What made this show different from other shows at West is the fact that students have the freedom to perform in styles that no other shows give them the opportunity to. Consequently over the years we have had performances of hard rock, heavy metal, rap, folk, contemporary pop, and blues music. It's fun to watch students do what they love, and the audience is extremely supportive."

Pooja Ooza ('02)

Variety Show Vocal Soloist

"Variety show was a lot of fun. The appreciation we got from the people was overwhelming. It's not just entertaining but a great way to show people the talents us performers have."

Photo: Alissa Cantu

Christine Drachenberg ('01)

Vocal Soloist and H2O Club Member

"My performance didn't require a lot of preparation. I had already sung that song before at my church. However, the skit H2O Club performed, based on a skit done by my youth group, required a lot more practice. Both performances were definitely better than I thought they would be."

Emnet Gebrehiiwet ('02)

Crowd Member

"I think the variety show is a great idea and kids who have talent are free to show what they have. I was impressed by the ability of all the performers because these are everyday people who can dance, sing, and play musical instruments, things you don't see everyday."

Photos: Alissa Catlin

Left: Singing, acting, and long hours of preparation paid off for H2O Club in the variety show. Their performance not only moved the crowd, but would have impressed the song writer, Kirk Franklin, himself.

Below: "Breathe and stop!" With quick feet and crowd rousing dancing, Angela Kang ('02) and Elizabeth Walton ('02) are pretty in pink.

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Above: Is that MTV's Carson Daly? No it's Andrew Kim ('02) along with the Niles West Jazz Band. With a collared shirt and a saxophone around his neck, Kim introduces his fellow musicians.

Left: Dancing the night away are the Revelations. Not only did they all have to stay with the rhythm, they also had to make sure to work with their partner and not step on his or her feet.

Above: Cheerleaders at pep rallies...and at the variety show? That's right; Luchie Lopez ('04) and Nicole Amsberry ('04) aren't cheering but singing Christina Aguilera's "I Turn to You."

Midnight Rider Katleya Reyes ('01) "chalks up" another house on her list of vandalized property. Midnight Riding lets students express their creative side--on other students' driveways.

Greg Mathes ('01) zones out during his break mods in the cafe. With college applications, jobs, and activities taking up all their time, seniors tend to act a little strange.

Entering the highway

Seniors 2001

Gene Park ('01) and Edward Choe ('01) give a quick glance around the cafe in search of a seat. Sometimes even seniors don't know where to sit.

Right: Alexine Grenda ('01) and Katherine MacLennan ('01) appear identical for twin day, smiles and all.

Far Right: Midnight Riders stirke a pose for the camera: Samantha Fields, Julia Anderson, Lora Michaelides, Natalie Phillips, Kathie Kozlowski, and Vanessa Turika.

Their trip is almost over. Seniors have only to complete one more year and they can start on another journey. But for anyone who's been in a car for more than four hours knows, the last leg of the trip makes you "stir crazy."

Photo Courtesy of Alissa Gallo

Lena Adhami

Khwaja Ahmad

Saif Ahsanullah

Lolade Akintunde

Neerar Albert

Asfia Aleem

Carolyn Aler

Mustafa Ali

Amanat Ali Khan

William Alleguez

Roshni Amin

Julia Anderson

Eddie Aponte

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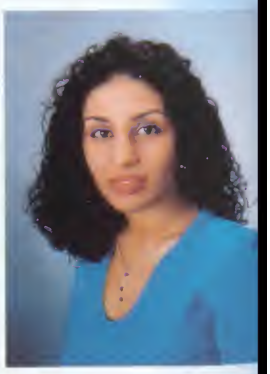
Lilly Arsenijevic

Troy Ashbach

Maya Ashwal



Sonia Ataea

What is your most embarrassing moment?

Nick Halkias--"One time when I was looking at this girl, I ran into the wall and fell down. While I was still lying there, the girl laughed in my face."
Bernadette Loyola--"I went straight to gym, forgetting completely about the study hall preceding it. I got dressed and went outside, but no one from my class was there!"
Ed Choe--"I raced into the bathroom one day after school and I just kicked the stall door open. I was surprised to find a teacher already occupying the stall. I just sprinted out of there!"
John Yoon--"I forgot to put my gym shorts on after gym class one day, and I didn't realize until I got out to the pool hallway. I guess that explains the weird looks and the cold draft!"
Pam Quinn--"One time at a basketball game, someone spilled their nacho cheese all over the bleachers. I went to get up to go to the concession stand, slipped on the cheese, and fell through the gap in the bleachers!"
Israel Garcia--"When I was trying to carry my bike across a log, I lost my balance and flew up into the air and fell directly into the water!"
Kate Miyamoto--"I made this noise with my nose during my English class, and everyone thought that I farted. The whole class burst out laughing!"
Lana Emerson--"During freshman year, I was walking down the Hall of Honor and one of my friends came up from behind and pulled my pants down!"

Photo: Lauren Curry

Photo: Tiffany Yu

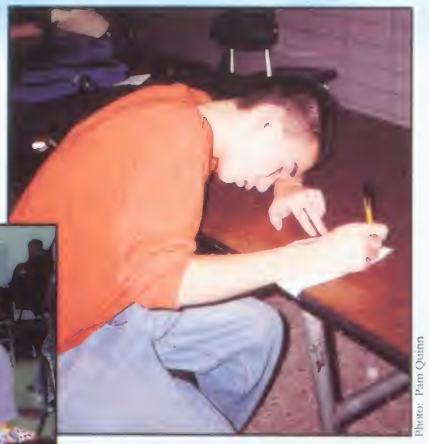
Photo: Courtesy of Sabrina Ehmke

Photo: Kate Miyamoto

Above: What do seniors do when they have late arrivals? This group of seniors goes to breakfast and hang out before classes begin. Right: "What's in that mystery meat?" pondered David Paek and John Yoon.

Top Left: Nicole Marino and Luka Bacal laugh over a joke at break. Above: Everyone enjoys a good party. Here, Joseph DiMaria and Jason Grover celebrate their 18th birthday with their friends over the summer.

Top Right: Save that for study hall! Kevin Phillips gets some shut-eye in the cafeteria. Bottom: What's so funny? Guinevere Biederer, Lana Emerson, and Israel Garcia cannot believe the joke that was played on their friend in the cafeteria.



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Above: Posing for a picture at Pamela Quinn's surprise birthday party, these upper classmen enjoy a warm evening at the pool. Top Right: Getting into school mode, Melissa Vasquez studies for on upcoming test.

Rochelle Atienza

Luka Bacal

Thomas Bae

Steve Baik

Omair Bangee

Gina Barbato

John Barkhoo

Wendy Barrios

Meghan Barrows

Herbert Bartlett

Slava Bekker

Diana Bella

Vaughn Beltran

Maria Benetatos

Joshua Berger

David Berkley

Jonathan Berkley

George Bialkowski

Christofer Bialobrzewski

Guinevere Biederer

Sean Bieschke

Lea Bingayen

Heather Blond

Artem Boldetskiy

Joy Bowman

James Brame

Michael Bregman

Ricki Brown

Hoang Bui

Nikita Burdein

Gregory Burnett

Carlo Butacan

Tatyana Butvinnik

Dan Byun

Vincent Cabrera

Mark Cagadas

Joel Caloncagon

Sejad Cantic

Benjamin Cases

Marc Castillo

Chicco Castro

Jhemma Castro

David Ceisel

Jason Chalil

Mark Chan

David Chang

Gary Chin

Karolina Chmiel

Jennifer Chmura

Edward Choe

Steve Choi

Wendi Christensen

Georgia Chronopoulos

Uros Cicmil

Emilia Cisowski

Laura Coiley

Angela Cox

Anna Crawford

Tracey Current

Lauren Curry

Aliya Daghestani

Dimple Daredia

William Del Genio

Kristle Del Mundo

Venus Delarmente

Anthony Derecho

Omar Diaz

Joseph DiMaria

Joann Dominguez

Joseph Done

Iliana Doneva

Christine Drachenberg

Leo Derwin Dy

Justin East

Nicholas Efrosinis

Sabrina Ehmke

Dana El-Khoury

Vladislav Elkis

Lana Emerson

Matthew Erlbach

Soham Esho

William Faehse

Jamil Fakhoury

Bismah Fareeduddin

Seema Farooqui

Waleed Fattah

Jordan Feder

Leah Federman

Samantha Fields

Michelle Filip

Monika Filip

Marat Fleytlikh

Benjamin Fosco

Jillian Fougerousse

Photo - Courtesy of Pam Quinn

Photo - Katie Miyamoto

Top Right: What's so funny? Sha Johanson enjoys a laugh with her friends in the cafeteria. Above: Sharing an inside joke between them, Lea Bingayen, Pamela Quinn, and Lauren Curry enjoy a softball banquet.

Photo - Lauren Curry

Above: Strike a pose! Showing off for his friends in the cafeteria, Chris Lembesis knows that he has it going on.

Photo - Roshni Amin

Above: Am I really a senior? Pete Gikas takes a break from studying and homework to enjoy play time at Austin Park.

Eric Friedman

Nicolas Fulks

Annie Gabricht

Amy Gabriel

Tina Gabriel

Marian Gamboa

Israel Garcia

Some Good Advice to Follow from the Graduating Class of 2001

Seniors may not care what homework is due or where their future will take them, but they do know how to survive at Niles West. The advice catalogued below should be read and observed as part of the canons of Niles West society.

"Get involved with as many sports and activities as you can to meet new people." ~Luka Bacal

"Make friends with older kids...they have cars and know how high school works." ~Tracey Current

"Don't ever slack off and get lazy, because you'll pay for it later." ~Nikki Pestano

"Just be you; that way you'll know your friends like you for who you really are." ~Jill Fougerousse

"Stay on your dean's good side. If not, it will be a long four years." ~Albert Giusti

"Don't use the bathroom...ever!" ~Tony Thomas

"Never be late to homeroom." ~Mark Cagadas

"Do not stop and cause traffic in the hallway...ever!" ~Vanessa Turika

"Cherish all the moment you spend with your friends because high school goes by fast." ~Rochelle Atienza

Photo Courtesy of Angela Pabalan

Left: Sure, it was a gloomy day, but that didn't seem to stop seniors Angela Pabalan, Gina Barbato, and Mark Heilig from going to Navy Pier and enjoying some good food at the Wave Restaurant.

Carlos Garcia

Jair Garcia

Kyleen Garcia

Beth Garstki

Anthony Gascon

Vitaly Gashpar

Nicholas Gazis

Eugene Gekhter

Diana Gelfand

Sabrina Gellman

Photo: Root

Photo: Courtesy of Jill Fougerousse

Photo: Pam Quinn

Photo: Courtesy of Grace Kim

Far Left: Go Indians! Tina Pitsios supports the football team as fellow pommer Mila Lipovetsky cheer with the crowd in anticipation of the homecoming game. Left: To show their school spirit, the Midnight Riders wear their jerseys every Friday. Lora Michaelides and Jillian Fougerousse are two riders that have ultimate school pride. Bottom Left: During lunch, senior get so amused. They watch as Georgia Chronopoulos stuffs a sandwich down Sean Kolodziej's throat. Bottom: These seniors formed a bond freshmen year and it has lasted for four years.

William Georgakis

Valy Georges

Rabia Ghazi

Dimitra Giannakopoulos

John Gikas

Pamela Gikas

Pete Gikas

Alberto Giusti

Jonathan Glassner

Emmanuel Gomez

Jennifer Gottstein

Jaclyn Gragnani

Christi Greenwood

Alexine Grenda

Jason Grover

Patricia Gschwind

Mark Guevarra

Amy Gullen

Meghan Gurewitz

Zosielyn Gutiza

Daniela Guzman

Samuel Ha

Somiya Haider

Mitch Haizel

Nicholas Halkias

Sania Hameed

Tobias Harris

James Hedstrom

Vincent Heidkamp

Mark Heilig

Lynn Hohs

Bozena Holewa

Siobhan Holmes

Brian Hong

Roy Hong

Richard Houston

Jacob Hsiao

Marjorie Hundahl

Asiya Hussain

Vivian Ibrahim

Adrian Iluna

Sami Imseih

Fatima Ishaque

Nadeen Israel

Sweetlana Israel

Nino Issac

Joseph Jacobucci

Richard Jakob

James Janesku

Katarina Jeremic

Right: Studying hard in the cafeteria, Chayil Wiedeman makes the most of her free time. Bottom: "I had a dream..." states Captain Brian Krier as he tries to pump the crowd at the Homecoming assembly. Co-captains Jamil Fakhoury, Joseph Tomoleoni, and Justin East watch as Krier delivers his speech to become the next Varsity Blues All-Star.

Photo: Kate Miyamoto

Photo: Alex Harris

Photo: Melissa Vasquez

Photo: Courtesy of Kyleen Garcia

Right: Midnight Rider Elissa Levine prepares pixie bags for the football players. She is on her way to "TP" the players' houses. Above: All smiles for Kyleen Garcia, Leah Federman, and Lana Emerson as they dominate the guys in a bowling match.

Sha Johanson

Stephanie Johnson

Drashti Joshi

Desiree Jurenci

Stamatina Kalabogias

Sanah Kaleem

Yelena Kamyshina

Malika Kapadia

Robyn Kaplan

Jeremy Kawakami

Meghan Kearns

Lindsey Kestler

Nazia Khan

Noman Khan

Grace Kim

Hannah Kim

Jackie Kim

Jane Kim

Sung Ha Kim

Sung Mi Kim

Won Kim

Shaun Kimura

Ryan Kinslow

John Kitover

Sarah Klein

Marko Kljajic

Zijada Kolovic

George Kondiles

John Konstantellos

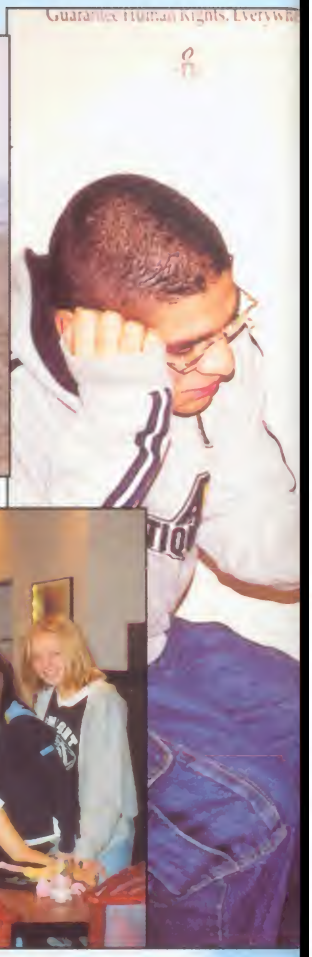
James Koob

Christina Kopinski

Right: In anticipation of their final year, these students share one last hurrah as juniors at a local beach. Below: Before changing into their gym uniforms, Talya Stone and Shirley Trinh are asked to stop and pose for a picture.

Photo: Courtesy of Roshni Amin

Photo: Courtesy of Shirley Trinh



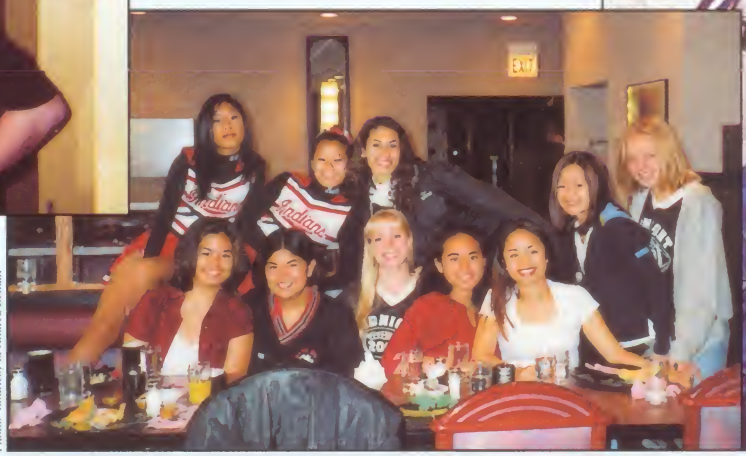


Photo: Courtesy of Andrea Zeman

Right: Say cheese! While celebrating Rochelle Atienza's birthday, this group of senior girls stops to smile for the camera. Far Right: Are Wendy Barrios and Eddie Aponte really studying? Sometimes it is hard to tell in senior classes if they are really studying or just pretending.

Thomas Koral

Shiney Korattiyil

Kathie Kozlowski

Kyle Kozlowski

Jessica Kreusch

Brian Krier

Jon-Michael Kriticos

Bogumila Krolczyk

Andrew Krueger

Agatha Kubalski

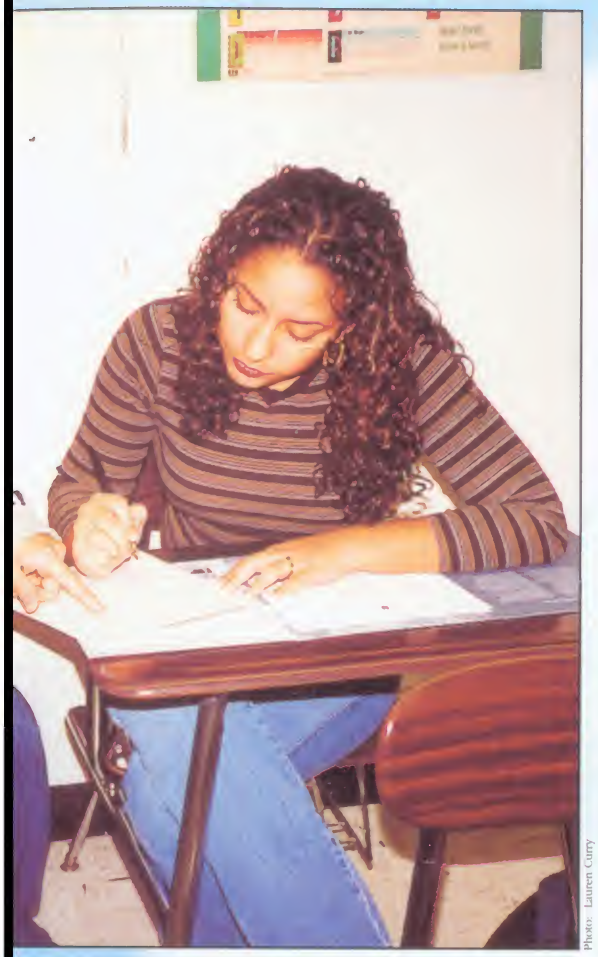


Photo: Lauren Curry

What does it mean to be a true senior?

Have you ever been labeled unfairly just because you belong to a certain group? Well, we're sorry to say that it is going to happen again. We are now going to come out with our greatest achievement…a definition of a true senior.

You know you are a senior if…

…you turn in homework less than twice a week.
…there is nothing you CAN'T do on a weekday.
…you are pushing the limit for allowed absences.
…closed halls doesn't apply to you.
...you know every security guard, dean, teacher, lunch lady, etc.
…you don't understand the meaning of "take notes."
…you refer to study hall as nap time.
…you are, always have been, and forever will be a Niles West Indian!

--Pam Quinn

Brian Kucha

Tanya Kucybala

Magdalena Kuleza

Lisa Kunnacherril

Suresh Kurup

Sung Hee Kwon

Jennifer Lada

Anar Ladhani

Amanda Lamarz

Gus Lappas

Candace Larson

Christine Layne

Chris Lee

Daniel Lee

Hwa Lee

Hye Jung Lee

Kathy Lee

Linda Lee

Ilana Lemberger

Chris Lembesis

Elissa Levine

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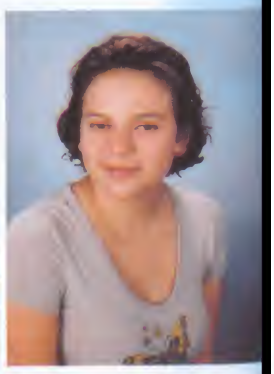
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Nicole Marino

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Afshan Mazhar

Bekim Mehmeti

Khushbu Mehta

Jennifer Meiri

Payal Menda

Adeel Jibran Meo

Lora Michaelides

Valentin Mihailescu

Jelena Milicevic

Aileen Miller

Steven Miszczyszyn

Below: Supporting a good cause, students from W.H.O. Club participated in the AIDS Walk in downtown Chicago. Right: Jhemma Castro and Kate Miyamoto are in their car and ready to celebrate Jhemma's birthday.

Photo Courtesy of Kyleen Garcia

Photo Courtesy of Tiffany Yu

Photo Courtesy of Michelle Filip

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Above: Sharing their school spirit, Georgia Chronopoulos, Patricia Gschwind, and Michelle Filip hold up a sign supporting the Indian's halfback, William Alleguez. Right: Feeling lonely? Thomas Koral: Single White Male seeking someone to fill his chair...Oh, Donna.

Kate Miyamoto

Hassanain Mohammed

Adnan Mohsen

Mariucz Monte-Christo

Athanasios Moreno

Hrvoje Moric

Stephanie Moy

Leonid Murokh

Melanie Murray

Christopher Naka

Steven Nasshan

Ligia Nasui

Robert Nelson

Wendy Ng

Mike Nikiforos

Karen Olsen

Ray Overby

Angela Pabalan

Kathleen Panares

Farrah Panjwani

Nishi Parikh

Gene Park

James Park

Majid Partoazam

Roselle Pasia

Aarti Patel

Alpesh Patel

Ankur Patel

Divyesh Patel

Kaushal Patel

Krishna Patel

Sagar Patel

Renju Pathadan

Dragana Pekez

Bernard Perales

Joe Persekian

Elexis Persino

Jodie Pestano

Scott Peters

Matthew Petra

Dragana Petrovic

Ramy Phillippose

Kevin Phillips

Natalie Phillips

Anthony Pignato

Amy Pisula

Tina Pitsios

Elizabeth Pizarro

Louise Plutov

Davis Polus

Sylvan Popovici

Marina Povzner

Olga Prutnikov

Julia Pyatetsky

Ayesha Quadri

Victoria Quillen

Pamela Quinn

Abid Qureshi

Tina Rasich

Katleya Reyes

Rainier Reyes

Hyum Rhim

Jacqueline Rodriguez

Adam Rosenthal

Ashis Roy

Anatoliy Rudin

Thomas Rusak

Michael Saavedra

Jillian Sabaduquia

Alberto Saberbein-Garcia

Faheem Sabzaali

Jaspreet Saini

Alan Sarkis

Artit Sarmonpal

Grace Savoy

Kari Schaab

Maya Schenwar

James Schertzing

Daniel Schorsch

James Schroeder

John Schutt

Jason Schwenk

Claudia Scorte

Tom Sdralis

Natalie Senatore

Leon Serdin

Anjlee Shah

Viral Shah

Flora Shamoun

Anu Sharma

Divya Sharma

Matthew Shedroff

Erica Sher

Photo - Courtesy of Julie Muszynski

Photo - Kate Miyamoto

Nancy Sherman

Hannah Sherry

Above: Coming home from a rainy game, Lynn Hohs and Julie Muszynski bring their team's spirit up by singing. Top Right: Searching for change, Kari Schaab empties out her purse. Jeremy Kawakami and Nicholas Venetico concentrate on their food, hoping she won't ask for money.

Photo - Lauren Curry

Photo - Courtesy of West Word

Above: Steve Baik gives words of encouragement to Steve Choi who is stressing over a math problem. It's hard to find a time when these two scholars do not have their noses in a book.

Kristen Lidstrom shows her artistic talent by making a beetle out of sticks. The best bugs were posted in the display case outside of the art room.

Elias Shiheiber

Susie Shin

Joyce Sia

Glyn Allan Sibal

Sophia Sidiropoulos

Michael Sielski

Sherri Simek

Walter Slavnov

Anna Slonim

Jason So

Deborah Sola

Jessica Song

Anne Spiro

Rafal Stachurski

Stefan Staev

Brook Stafford

Magdalena Stevanovic

Scott Stevens

Talya Stone

Joann Suh

Mindy Sukantawanich

Michelle Swets

Elizabeth Swiatek

Shehzad Talsani

Patrick Tamondong

Tracy Tamondong

Shumaila Tariq

Dana Tarnauceanu

Angela Taylor

Lenore Tejeda

Teona Tektumanidze

Tony Thomas

Rozina Todorova

Atour Toma

Joseph Tomoleoni

Louis Torres

Gregory Toushin

Rocio Trejo

Elizabeth Trinh

Shirley Trinh

Daniela Trograncic

Steven Trott

Vanessa Turika

Syed Uddin

David Umana

Katarzyna Undas

Kristina Urosevic

Ashley Vargas

Melissa Vasquez

Dana Vaziri

Nicholas Venetico

Michael Viglione

Zachary Villano

Sonja Vranjes

Jeanetta Watkins

Eric Wattenbarger

Chayil Wiedeman

Susan Wonsover

Aaron Wu

Hanna Yang

Krystyna Yang

Joo Heon Yoon

Rita Younan

Phillip Yu

Tiffany Yu

Martin Zaya

Andrea Zeman

Photo: Courtesy of Ligia Nasui

Photo: Courtesy of Tiffany Yu

Far Left: As juniors Ligia Nasui, Shirley Trinh, and Elizabeth Trinh show off their hand-made extra credit Geometry shirts that they made together the night before. Left: Show off your culture! As freshmen Tiffany Yu and Wendy Ng participate in International Night by performing the Chinese Ribbon Dance.

Photo: Courtesy of Angela Pabalan

Photo: Courtesy of Meghan Kearns

Above: St. Peter's Rules! Here Angela Pabalan celebrates her fifteenth birthday with her friends at Harms Woods. Left: Even though it was a gloomy day, that didn't seem to stop these crazy freshmen from going to Great America.

"I remember the time when...

...the marching band took a trip to Indiana to participate in the Bands of America during my freshman year. Performing with all those people was such a rush. ~Tracey Current

...the JV soccer team beat New Trier, 1-0, on their territory. The whole team cheered and screamed in joy and excitement on the bus ride home. ~Bogumila Krolczyk

...I stole Mrs. Goldman's study hall reserved signs in the IRC. Then I wrote a ransom note demanding that she leave $10.00 in the Big Book of Trains. ~John Kitover

...I went to the vending machine to buy some Lifesavers. I put in the money, pushed the buttons, and two packages of Lifesavers came out. Long live Niles West! ~Gene Park

...I broke the sophomore school pole vault record held since 1976. ~Kaushal Patel

...I dressed up as Mr. Bentsen for Halloween. ~Nick Halkias

...everyone came together while mourning the losses of four students last year. ~John Yoon

Brooke Haro ('02) and Marilee Erickson ('02) show their support for the combined Niles West and Niles North Hockey Team.

Photo: Amy Ra

Alina Ryk ('02) pieces together her ceramics project in art. Students design, sculpt, and fire their own ceramics masterpieces in art class.

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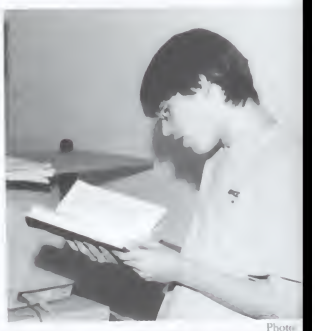
Merging into the fast lane

Juniors 2002

Puzzling over the many words contained on a page, Bret Ruber ('02) tries to make sense of all the information.



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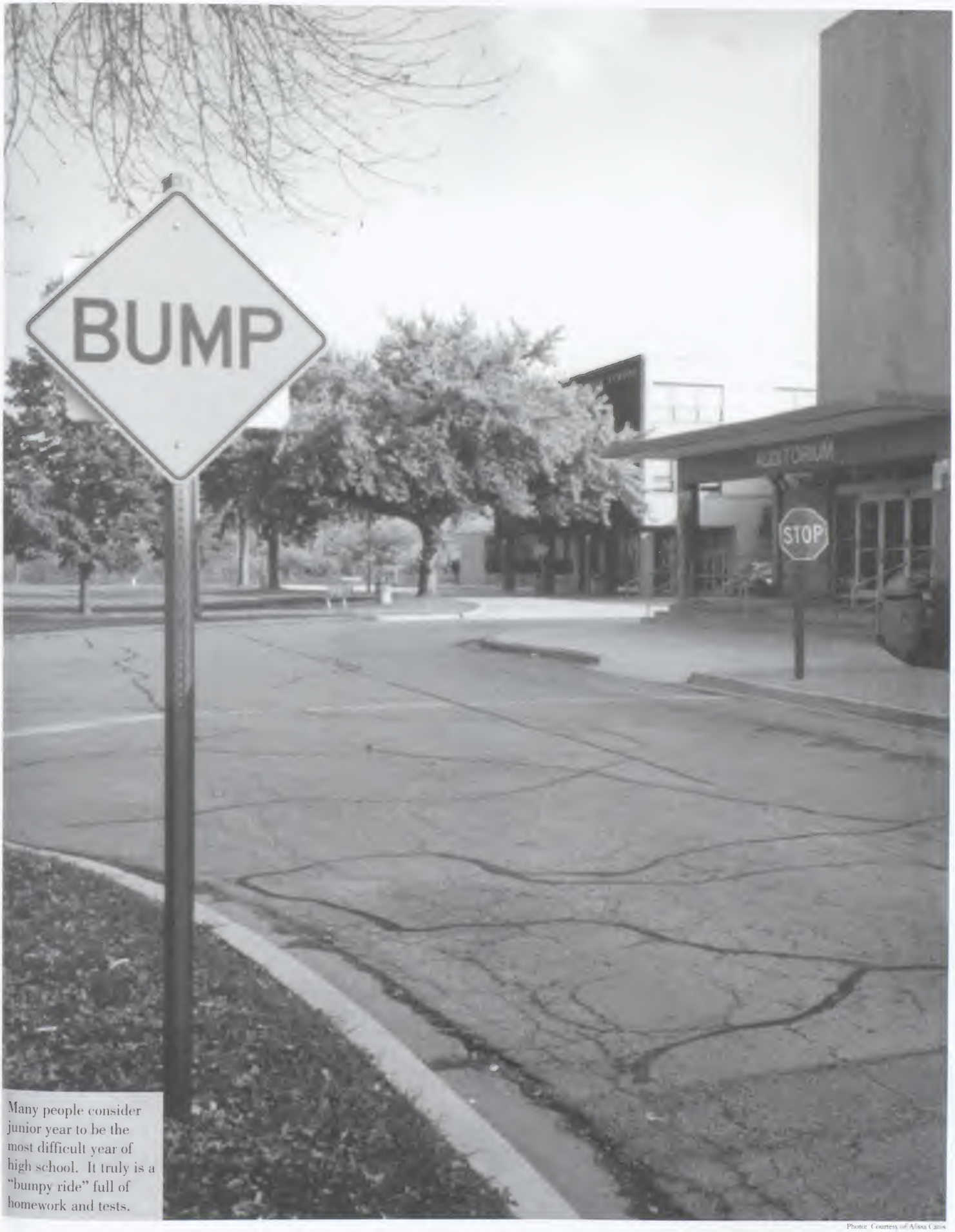
Right: Michael Hui ('02) enjoys a slow dance with his date Bethany Kondiles, a freshman at IMSA.

Far Right: Melissa Motel ('02) takes a mighty swing at the ball during a tennis match. Motel's opponent will be lucky to return this speedy volley!!

Photo: Thomas Bae



Many people consider junior year to be the most difficult year of high school. It truly is a "bumpy ride" full of homework and tests.

Photo: Courtesy of Alissa Cass

Top 10 Roadblocks of Junior Year

10. "I have a license, but NO CAR!"

9. "Welcome to the world of AP HELL!"

8. Constitution test? What Constitution? Who's president anyway?

7. You are not quite a senior yet.

6. You become benchwarmers on the varsity team.

5. Afternoon naps become three hours long.

4. ACT+PSAE+PSAT+SAT+SAT II = ABC?

3. You have an opportunity to go to prom, but no money.

2. You finally get to sit on the main floor at assemblies, but what do you see, backs and rear ends.

1. Endless days... Sleepless nights...

Justin Afryl
Jenny Ahn
Joan Ahn
Pinchas Akiva
Saaraa Alam
Brian Alegre

Mustafa Ali
Ujala Ali
Maricel Amadio
Calvin Andres
Eleni Andritsakis
Manuel Arredondo

Alexsandra Arsenijevic
Angelija Arsenijevic
Maria Atroshenko
Adam Bagnall
Svilena Balabanova
Tanya Baltsevitch

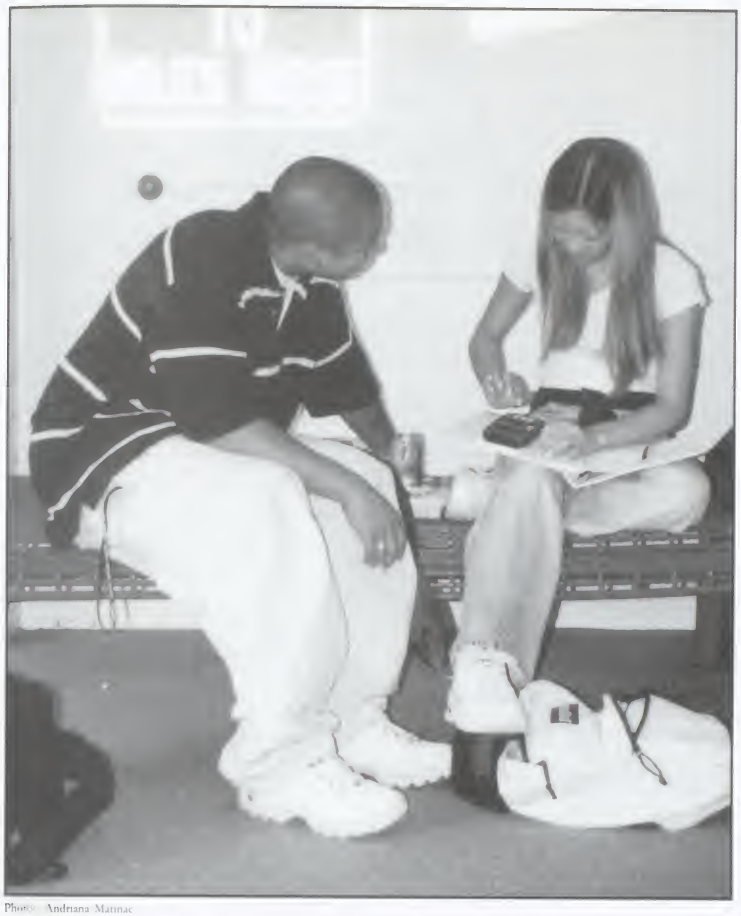


Photo: Andriana Matinac

Left: Besides the cafeteria and Oakton Lobby, many students prefer to sit in the Hall of Respect to study. John Andres assists his girlfriend, Jane Lee with her math homework. Below: Many juniors take honors and advanced placement courses to improve their class rank and expand their knowledge before they begin applying to colleges next year. Sharon Wolf and Erica Kim acted as lawyers in a trial putting the country's fore fathers on trial for AP United States History. Nasir Bhanpuri is playing Abraham Lincoln.

Photo: Root

James Bartholomew
Natalie Bartl
Juan Bautista
Abeer Behnam
Stanley Berezhanskiy
Elliot Berzack

Nasir Bhanpuri
Melissa Binder
Christopher Borcoman
Sarah Borucki
Kimberly Branham
Elizabeth Brunner

Ashleigh Bushman
Sarah Butler
Jocelyn Camba
Alissa Catiis
Joseph Ceisel
Arnold Cermeno

Agnes Cha
Claire Chang
Elmer Chao
Mariann Chelampath
Amy Chelberg
Jane Chernyak

Right: Like any good band, it is important that the Marching Band plays together during Pep Assemblies. Drum major Kary Zarate counducts the band in order to keep them in time. Below: Many students are so busy with their extracurricular activities that they sometimes cannot find the time to complete all of their schoolwork. Lindsay Thieleman helps Suzanne Ryan prepare for her Spanish exam next period.

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Photo: Alex Ha

Lina Cho
Anna Choi
Phillip Choi
Brian Chung
Tiffany Clarito
Brandy Clark

Aaron Cohn
Allison Coorlas
Joanna Cornici
Katherine Crowley
Lauren Cutlip
Jamie David

Eric Davidson
Derrick De Vera
Derylle De Vera
Heather Deguia
Ralph Delos Reyes
Annie Dimaria

Christine Dimoulis
Renee Dinges
Timothy Edwardson
Jaclyn Eiseman
Jacqueline Elmorsy
Arash Emami-Yeganeh

Lets Go Indians!

"Go you Indians (Indians), Fight you Indians (Indians), Win you Indians (Indians). Go! Fight! Win!"

These are part of the words to the school loyalty song. However, these words are soon to change. Since the six to one vote on October 16, the Board of Education plans to phase out the Indian by the end of this year. The class of 2001 will be the last class to graduate as the Indians, while we, the class of 2002, will be something new, different, and politically correct. Here's what some of our fellow classmates said about the news:

"To us, it will be nothing but a word. We have a loyalty to the Indian that we will never have for a new mascot."
— Marilee Erickson

" I think that it would be an honor to graduate as the Indians. But the decision has been made and we don't have a choice. It would be kind of cool to be the first to graduate with the new mascot."
— BoYoung Kim

"For three years we have been the Indians and we have pride in it. For our graduating year, the most important one, we will, for all I know, be a honeybee."
— Matthew Margolis

"I want a mascot. Since we were the Indians, we have never had a real mascot revving up the crowds at games. That would be really cool!"
— Jamal Salem

"Regardless of what the new mascot is, it won't bother me because I will always be an Indian just like I have for the past three years."
— Silviu Anca

Above: The Indian may not be the mascot of Niles West anymore, but it remains in the hearts of juniors. Adam Parsill wears a head dress to show his support. Below: "Cha Cha real smooth now." Clapping with the beat, Leslie Osorio practices with the Latino Club for International Night.

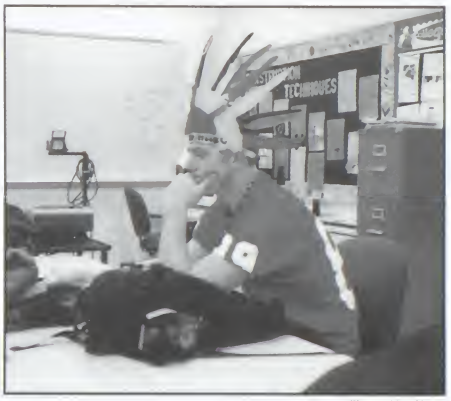


Photo: Alex Harris

Photo: Courtesy of West Word

Dennis Emocling
Adam Eng
Tatyana Eskina
Maggie Evangelou
Sammer Fakhoury
Alex Filin

Scot Flink
Patrick Folise
Darek Franczak
Dave Gaode
Jelena Gasic
Emnet Gebrehiiwet

Valerie Geer
Jennifer Gianos
Christine Gloriosa
Ryan Goyal
Eugene Granovsky
Katie Grossfeld

Right: Hey, who are those ladies? They are Annie DiMaria and Sara Ryan, working on a physics lab for Mr. Serpico's class. Below: Homecoming week is a time to show your school spirit. Lindsay Theileman, Ji Hae Kim, and Nasir Bhanpuri wear red and white to display their school spirit. Kim was elected to the homecoming court for the second year in a row.

Photos: Root

Samantha Hagio
Paul Hahn
Lindsay Handler
Brooke Haro
Alex Harris
Lauren Harris

Karen Heckerling
Margaret Hellum
Kyle Heuer
Karen Hohs
Alyce Horowitz
Teddy Hsu

Mike Hua
Michael Hui
Sana Hussain
Anwaar Hussaini
Kyla Imber
Alex Ivantchenko

Jennifer Jafari
Jennifer Jensen
Jessica Jimenez
Shwetha Jinkala
David Johanson
Sanitha Joseph

Photo: Alissa Cattis

Below: Ah, the daily nutritious foods offered as extras with the delicious pizza, French fries, and mozzarella sticks. David Kramarz savors the lovely taste of the fruitcup, as Joseph Piekos laughs at Kramarz's love for the artificial fruit.

Photo: Angie Kang

Matthew Jurenci
Jenna Kaferly
Angela Kang
Christos Kapsalis
Sophia Karalexis
Kausar Kazi

Amit Khatkhate
Jacqueline Khoury
Abraham Kim
Boyoung Kim
Christopher Kim
Joanne Kim

Kevin Kim
Paul Kim
Suhyun Kim
Yoo Il Kim
Jennifer King
Kelvin Koma

Lloyd Kosaphandhu
Susan Kraus
David Krynski
Julia Krzysik
Helena Kwon
Nicolette Lambropoulos

Right: "Allons enfants de la patrie le jour de gloire est arrive"... Pauline Miliotis, Irene Pisareva, and Valerie Geer sit atop the French Club's float which was based on the movie *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure*. Below: Sophomores, juniors and seniors have the opportunity to go off-campus for their lunch mods. However, Adam Hayden and Alison Stephans prefer to eat in the café and relax with their peers.

Photo: Angela Paladin

Photo: Angie Kang

Sherry Lauke
Andrew Lazar
Ann Lee
Jane Lee
Jane Lee
Michael Lehrer

Elizabeth Leisner
Margaret Leisner
Rachelle Lenesca
Max Levin
Ara Lidstrom
Christopher Limjoco

Irene Lopez
Gabriela Luca
Inessa Makarova
Therese Manzanero
Matthew Margolis
Luke Markewych

Christina Martinez
Henry Mau
Edward May
Alina Mazurenko
Alex Meng
Brandon Mita

Car Woes

It's that long awaited time. Your parents reach into their pocket and say those four little words, "Here are the keys."

You now have the freedom to go wherever you want to go (as long as you have a license). But once you get behind the wheel, fate steps in and things just go downhill from there. These juniors have had quite an adventure with their vehicles. Being in a car alone or with a friend, there have been some horrifying experiences.

"Lets just say, we've almost died...numerous times."
— Suzanne Ryan

"When I was in Kathy Crowley's car, there were two girls from Niles North next to us. Kathy was attempting to turn on her brights. My window was down and so were the girls next to us. All of a sudden, a stream of blue windshield wiper fluid goes right into the face of another girl next to me. Kathy's sprayer was broken and came out the wrong way."
— Lindsay Thieleman

"I got a ticket for blowing a 'yield' sign and crashed the whole front of my car.
— Jaclyn Eiseman

"In the month of July, every week something broke on my car while I was driving."
— Justin Afryl

Valentina Momirovic
Aurora Monreal-Berner
Jason Mose
Michael Moses
Melissa Motel
Meagan Moyer

Brandon Murphy
Cory Nelson
Peter Nelson
Anthony Nevalga
Mark Neville
Milena Nitti

Lisa Nono
Robert Noonan
Greg O'Brien
Matt Olchawa
Antoni Oplchenski
Ashley Oshita

That's My Line!

Now that you are able to drive, there is that matter of getting a date. Many people like to use what we call "pickup" lines to get the attention of the opposite sex. Usually these lines are very cheesy and work maybe once in a blue moon, but we've been assured that these are the top lines the junior class has heard... or delivered!

Man: "Beeep, beeep, beeep"
Woman: "What are you doing?"
Man: "It's the sound of the ambulance coming to take me away because the sight of you stopped my heart."

"Is your dad a thief, because he stole the twinkle in the stars and put them in your eyes?"

"I forgot my phone number; can I have yours?"

"If I could rearrange the alphabet, I would put U and I together."

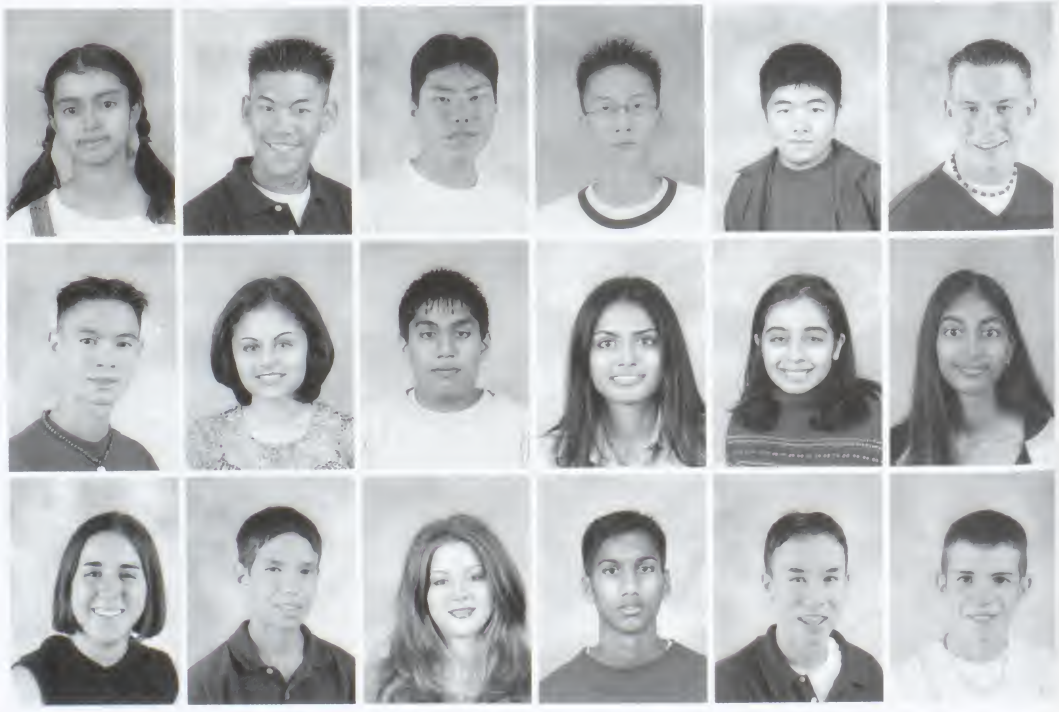
"Are you tired? Because you have been running through my mind all day."

"Your name must be Candy because you look so sweet."

Woman: "Do you have the time?"
Man: "Only if you have the energy."

Photo: Beata Arampatzi

Above: Ahh, it's the blustery wind, picking up Niles West students and scattering them all over the campus. Allison Putt is trying to hold herself down before the wind takes her away.



Pooja Oza
Edward Paramadilok
Edward Park
James Park
Jin Park
Adam Parsill

Pichaya Pataramekin
Kamini Patel
Ritesh Patel
Shivani Patel
Shruti Patel
Neha Pathak

Lindsay Perlen
David Perzov
Aleksandra Petrovic
Anil Philip
Steven Phillips
Joseph Piekos

Photo: Alex Harris

Left: English class can get a little hectic with all of the reading and papers. Jessie Moskowitz rejoices with a classic eighties dance move after discovering that she has a substitute. Below: "Yeah, uh huh, sure..." Trying to ask his friend Samantha Espinosa for advice, Andrew Sutherland is shrugged off by his friend.

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Stefani Piermattei
Irene Pisareva
Kathy Pisula
Ida Plaza
Vanessa Poladian
Jacqueline Polikoff

Ryan Pollyea
Daniel Poloz
Carrie Poulsom
Jenny Powell
Julia Pravnik
Alan Puric

Allison Putt
Ali Quadri
Eric Quinn
Vidhi Raval
Christopher Ravenna
Seth Reagen

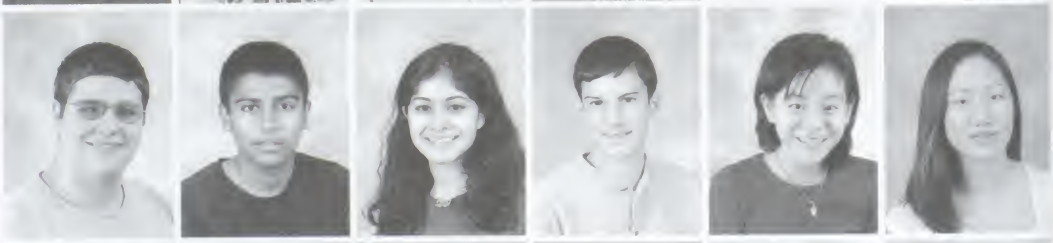
Jeffrey Reid
Chizu Rivera
Paul Rosario
Robert Rosati
Michael Rose
Bret Ruber

Photos: Alex Harris

Above: *West Word* is the school newspaper made for students by students. Debra Borkenhagen sits outside a friend's locker discusssing the many issues that the paper tackles.

Holly Rubinstein
Joseph Rusinak
Anna Ruvinskaya
Sara Ryan
Suzanne Ryan
Alina Ryk

Wafiqah Sadiq
Lori Sahakian
Jamal Salem
Sliwo Samano
Patrick Schramm
Stacey Schulman



James Serio
Jay Shah
Nadia Shamim
Darryl Sher
Ai Shibusawa
Tiffany Shu

Mark Siegel
Melissa Siegel
Sonia Singh
Jessica Sotelo
Nicole Speropoulos
Marissa Spitz

Photo: Alisa Cadet

Left: There are only three words to describe junior year: lots of homework. Adam Bagnall, Edward Paramadilok, and Ada Lee cram for an AP Chemistry exam during their free mods in the IRC. Below: Too cool or too lazy? Between school and cheerleading practices, Angela Kang and Ida Plaza take time out to relax during gym.

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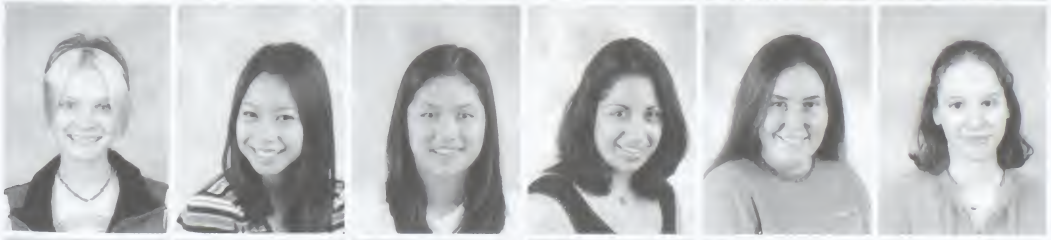
Alison Stephans
Jennifer Stevens
Stephanie Stilling
Tommy Stoic
Andrew Sutherland
Peter Svenson



Agnieszka Szara
Rodessa Tallud
Aiza Tan
Jennifer Teleback
Lindsay Thieleman
Ariella Toren

Billy Toy
Perry Trafman
Catherine Tragas
Matthew Uyeno
Kevin Vanderporten
Steve Varsamis

Jill Vora
Enes Vulic
Steven Weiss
Elisa Winter
Stefanie Wu
Robert Yavitch

Right: Last summer, Melissa Motel and Lindsay Perlen spent their days as camp counselors. Here they are watching a magic show. "While working at camp was a lot of hard work, it was also a lot of fun. No matter how frustrating it got, there were always those kids who could make you smile, no matter what," commented Perlen. Below: It doesn't matter who you're with, but how much fun you're having. Kimberly Branham gazes into the eyes of her date, oblivious to the noise around her at the homecoming dance.

Photo: Root

Photo: Alissa Cairns

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Ronson Yong
Young Yoon

Kary Zarate
Kelly Zehner

Jessica Zich

Photo: Root

Above: Gay Straight Alliance members Christina Puzzo and Claire Nowak-Boyd fill out raffle tickets at the Rainbow Cafe. Left: AP Chemistry is one of the most rigorous courses offered. Adam Bagnall and Karen Heckerling work on a titration lab together.

Photo: Alissa Cairns

Photo: Rost

Photo: Aissa Catus

Left: Jazz Band is one of the many extra-curricular music groups. Mike Hua plays his trumpet, while Andrew Kim plays his saxophone at a recent Jazz Band performance. Below: One of the topics studied in physics is light waves. Jamal Salem is using crayons to learn about color pigments.

Dating Disasters

There are so many pressures during junior year, why not add another one to the list? Dating is something that many juniors hope to experience in their high school years. Unfortunately, some dates do not always turn out as planned. These juniors were willing to share some of their worst dates ever.

"She never laughed the whole time."
— Eugene Granovsky

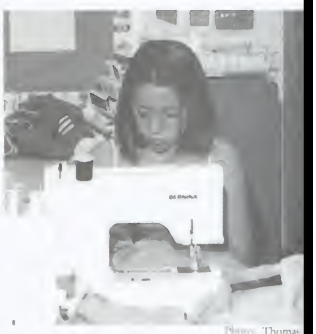
"Umm, let's see, one time when that girl attacked me…"
— Henry Mau

"I have never had a date."
— Jason Chi

"We were in the car just talking and he started making animal noises.
— Jennifer Jafari

"The guy stood me up when he said he would meet me there. I waited for an hour; then I got really fed up and left. When I got home, I called him and he told me that he couldn't get there because his dad had a delivery, but just last week he told me his dad was a heart surgeon. Oops, someone was caught lying. I try not to let it get to me, but it makes me bitter. But what can you expect from a New Trier guy !?"
— Ada Lee

Lace Franks ('03) sews the day away at school. Students learn a plethora of useful skills while attending high school.



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Michael Holmes ('03) shows Aaron Bendel ('03) his favorite wrestling move. Bendel is hesitant to let Holmes apply the move, fearing the pain that may accompany it.

Photo: Kate Mivar

On the main road

Sophomores 2003

Errol Rice ('03) practices his bass in the music wing. Before concerts, musicians put in many after school hours perfecting their sound.

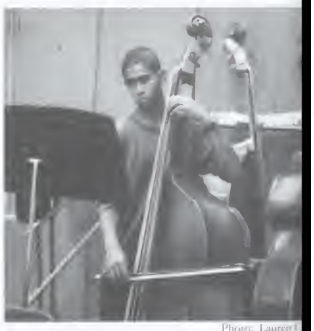

Photo: Lauren

Photo: Pam

Right: Julio Antonio Cortez IV ('03) poses in front of a movie poster for *The Mexican*.

Far Right: Jessica Chung ('03) struts her stuff at the fashion show.

Photo: Chris Naka

Sophomore year is the proverbial middle of the road in high school. Not really a break, but no progress is really being made with the end of the trip seemingly thousands of miles away.

Photo Courtesy of Alissa Catis

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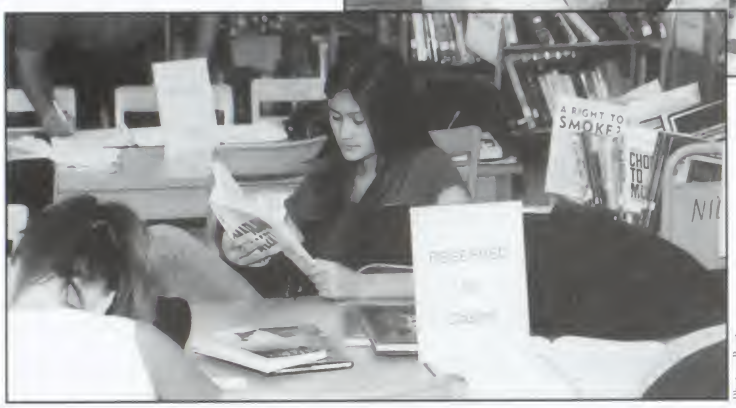
Making sure that his clay jar looks right, Edgar Sanchez asks Art teacher, Mr. Gary Davis, for his opinion. Don't worry, Edgar. Your project looks nice.



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To read or not to read? That is the question for Nicole Vasquez. Is she really reading or is it a pose to get in the yearbook?

Joffin Abraham
Esther Aessa
Colette Afante
Mehnaaz Ahmed
Kristopher Ahrens
Saif Al-Hamid

Urooj Alam
Evans Alexander
Jennifer Allen
Sergio Alzate
Daniel Anderson
Kathleen Andrews

Matthew Arends
Maryann Arsenijevic
Emalyne Astudillo
Beeta Azarnoosh
Ishtar Baba
Sally Bae

Georgia Bakladonis
Jeff Balin
Melissa Barker
Kathryn Barquez
Michael Bartlett
Dorine Bella

Photos Courtesy of Jenn Allen

Left: Joshua Phillips gets ready to go to the football game. Phillips went to every home football game and showed his school spirit by painting his face, dressing up, and screaming for our team. Below: Lena Rubins and Jennifer Allen show off their school spirit during spirit week by wearing "Tribe" t-shirts and decorating their faces with face paint.

Photos Courtesy of Lena Rubins

Aaron Bendel
Karen Benetatos
Kathy Benetatos
Sharina Berg
Michael Berger
Charles Blanchard

Becky Bloom
Michaela Bobos
Sara Bostetter
Jason Bowman
Mohammed Bozai
Sami Bozai

Karl Brandt
Michelle Brodsky
Paul Brown
Elizabeth Broydo
Alex Buc
Tony Buljubasic

Megan Burns
Melissa Caballero
Dvorah Calamaro
Crystal Calayag
Christine Dee Carnate
Jacob Chacko

Photo: Root

Showing great school spirit, members of the Sophomore Cabinet wear red bandanas as they ride on their float during the Homecoming Parade. The theme of their float was "Wild, Wild West."

Anna Chaiken
Joseph Chelampath

Jessie (Zi Yu) Chen
Robert Chen

William Chiang
Simon Chikchay

Amy Chiu
Jeanne Chiu

Anna Chmielewska
Suk Jae Choi
Zachary Christensen
Ashlee Christian
Michael Chun
Milica Cicmil

Marcin Ciechanowski
Klaudyna Cieszynska
Ruben Codrean
Jacqueline Collens
Diego Colon
Jesus Colon

Kellien Conklin
Rebecca Cornici
Colleen Corrigan
Nicholas Cosmos
Rick Costabile
Nicole Cox

Melanie Cuaresma
Monica Dabul
Sebastian Danilowski
Rona David
Amanda Dehne
Sherley Delma

Christine Depaolis
Mahmudul Din

Linda Diryawish
David Dorband

James Drachenberg
Sophia Drosos

Tanya Dudkina
Melissa Earle

Photos: Courtesy of Monica Dabul

Photos: Root

Above: Thomas Kestler, a.k.a. "The Ladies' Man," has a great time surrounded by all these beautiful girls at a surprise birthday party. Left: Carefully measuring their ingredients, Brandon Igra, Blance Evangelista, and Christopher Neitlich make apple cobblers for their Chef's Course class.

Kate Edelson
Desiree Ederer
Marisa Edwards
Ida Eng
Jennifer Eng
Kathryn Ernst

Linsey Eusebio
Michael Fazelian
Joseph Ficek
Jennifer Figueroa
Robert Finnerman
Sean Finnerman

Bryan Foley
Jennifer Fortman
Marta Franczak
Nicholas Frank
Lace Franks
Simona Fratu

Cory Freeman
Dana Freeman
Caroline Froning
Christopher Gajda
Tanhee Galindo
Jaqueline Gaode

Top 10 things that aren't too great about being a sophomore:

10. Being asked, "Like, hey, are you like a freshman?"
9. Having to take more standarized tests
8. For some, still having to take the bus
7. Still having two more years to go
6. Having to start thinking about college soon
5. Being stuck in the middle
4. More homework
3. Still having to deal with cocky seniors
2. Having to deal with over-confident freshies
1. Not getting away with any of the things you got away with as a freshman

--Ashlee Christian

Below: Trying to push himself, Daniel John Koshiba works his legs out after school doing leg extensions. All students are welcome to come to the newly developed weight room every morning after school.

Lady Ariane Garcia
George Gates
Jacob Gates
Kyle Gerstner
Rami Ghattas
Martin Gibbs

Aggeliki Gikas
Jimmy Gikas
Mara Glasser
Veronika Goldberg
Jane Goldshteyn
Janet Gonzalez

Jennifer Gorski
Kristina Govostis
Sandra Goyal
Anthony Gragnani
Eileen Grande
Shaun Guardino

Kristin Guiang
George Hamada
Kristin Hanaoka
David Hawk
Tyler Heidtke
Susan Heilig

Photo: Courtesy of Jenny Allen

Left: Michaela Bobos, Jacqueline Collens, Dana Freeman, Kristin Guiang, Jennifer Allen, Julie Theefs, and Jennifer Fortman pose for a quick pic after scarfing down their dinner at TGI Friday's.

Photo: Reeta Azarnoosh

Photo: Root

Far Right: Hey boys! Look up! The game is this way! Paul Souferis and Michael Bartlett have their attention on something besides the football game; a Pommer maybe? Right: During practice, Errol Rice tries to maintain his balance. It sure takes a lot of strength and good balance to hold your whole body up.

Talya Heller
Jodi Henriksen
Jacquelyn Hernandez
Jonathan Hester
Kim Ho
Heather Hohs

Michael Holmes
Stephanie Holub
Lenny Hong
Betti Horowitz
Stevie Ideno
Brandon Igra

Artem Ishchenko
Lorraine Ishida
Rezai Islam
Ilda Ivanovic
Nicholas Jacobucci
Kamran Jamal

Kerry Janesku
Devin Jaremus
Andrew Jatico
Nicole Jeans
Lu Jin
Ashley Johnson

Photo: Courtesy of West Word

Above: Showing great wrestling skills, Christopher Neitlich holds down a fellow wrestler during practice. All that practice looks like it's really paying off! Right: Oh la la! Who has Michaela Bobos's attention?

Photo: Beata Azarnoush

Eric Johnson
Heather Johnson
Cheryl Kachka
Aaron Kahn
Dino Kalabogias
Nadia Kamal

Craig Kaneshiro
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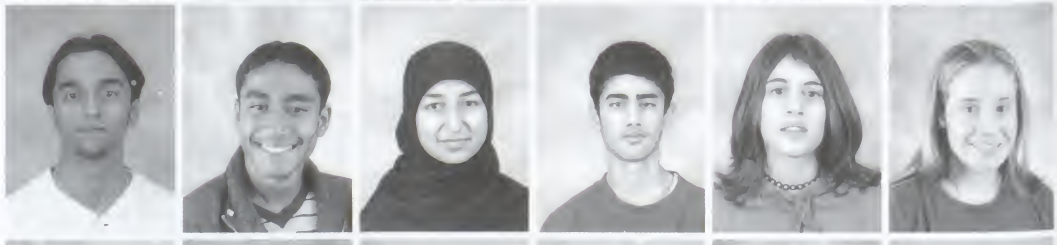
Mitchell Kato
Kelly Keller
Thomas Kestler



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Abrar Khan
Farah Khan
Safdar Khan
Yuliya Khaninayeva
Jennifer Klein

Jeremy Klein
Joyce Ko
Krista Koenig
Rita Koganzon
Frieda Kolas
Adil Kolovic

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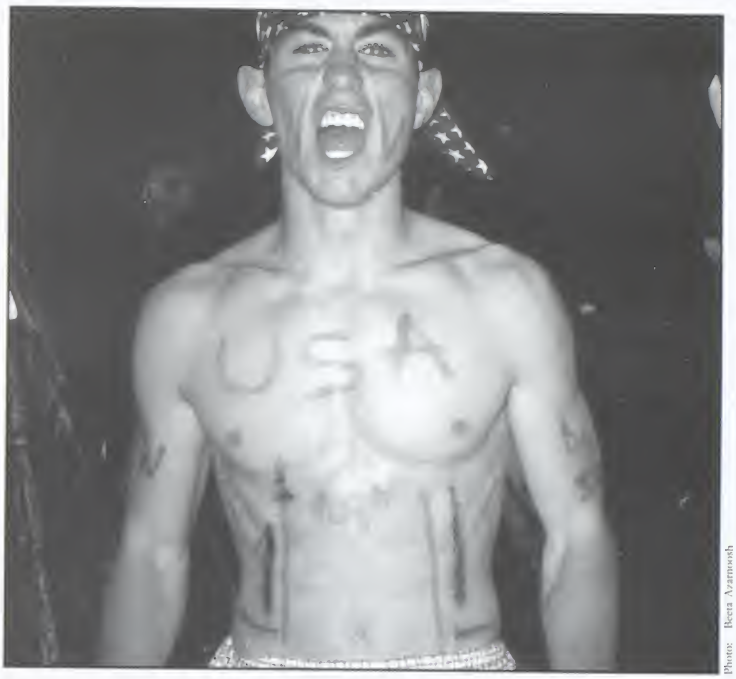
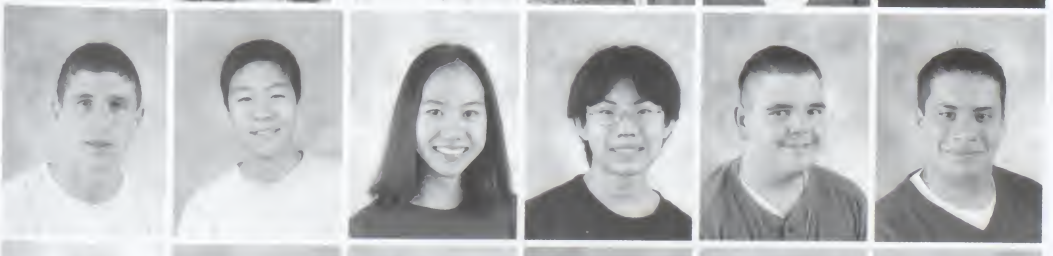


Photo: Reena Azamoosh

Far Left: With all their might, Tanya Dudkina and Theresa Kim race to the end of the pool, practicing their back stroke. They sure do need a lot of strength and endurance to swim. Left: "Yeah, go Indians!" screams Michael Holmes at one of the football games. Deep down he is probably shivering. Those games can get very cold, but that doesn't stop fans like Holmes from taking off their clothes.

George Kontos
Brian Koob
Daniel Kosiba
Chris Kostogiannes
Mark Kot
Nicole Kouzoukas

Renata Kovelman
Catherine Kowalczyk
Karolina Kowalczyk
Mark Krier
Renee Krolczyk
Robert Krolczyk



Benjamin Krop
Paul Kuk
Alisa Kusolvisitkul
Dennis Lai
Anthony Lamarz
George Lappas

Nicolette Larsen
Ashour Lazar
Dana Lebitsky
Edward Lee
Gina Lee
Jennifer Lee

Photo: Beeta Arzanoosh

Top: Look at those studs! Jeffrey Pelletier, George Halkias, Nicholas Cosmos, Jeffery Maher, Michael Bartlett, and Nicholas Frank. Right: Naomi Miyake gives a big smile during dinner at a friend's birthday party. What is so funny?

Photo: Ashley Christian

Mollie Levison
Andrew Lewallen

Teresa Lim
Bradley Lindstrom

Atena Lodhi
Alison Lueder

Julia MacHoll
Dale Mackey

Emily Maggi
Jeffery Maher
David Mai
Patrick Malartsik
Rosamar Mallari
Christopher Mariano

Bianca Marinca
Frank Marino
Tena Maroor
M.Ellinore Marquez
Amal Masad
Chelsea Mathis

Todd Matten
Joseph May
Bethsheba Mayden
Brendan McKenna
Jennifer McKinney
Lauren McLaughlin

Brian Melamed
Samantha Meyer
Andrew Miller
Darya Minosyants
Lisa Miszczyszyn
Naomi Miyake

Anna Mkrtchian
Mohammad Mohiuddin

Jean Mok
Goran Momirovic

Steve Mourtokokis
Jonathan Naka

Amanda Napravnik
William Nash

Photo: Ashley Christian

JV Poms was a new activity this year, an opportunity for sophomores to be on the Pom's squad. JV Pommer Jamie Willis gets pumped up for the game.

Corina Nasui
Chloe Neims
Christopher Neitlich
Lester Niedzielski
Jasmine Nieves
Manuel Nodarse

Amanda Nunez
Corinne O'Reilly
Enis Omeralovic
John Ostrowski
Eileen Ouska
Lia Palivos

Ak Paramadilok
Rachel Parikh
Joanna Park
Anush Patel
Kejal Patel
Tarang Patel

Jeffrey Pelletier
Renee Phillippose
Joshua Phillips
Maria Politis
Mallory Portnoy
Sahar Rahim

Sophomore year—some may argue its greatness: not being a freshman, not having as much work as juniors do, too young to have a "real" job… But to most sophomores, it's rather dull. We're pretty much just right in the middle of the high school "sandwich," the forgotten slice of cheese, if you will. When people think about the variety of high school students, they think of freshies, new and still adapting to all the changes; juniors who are taking their SAT's and choosing colleges; and the seniors who are graduating; but what's so great about us? Although this may be a boring year, upper classmen give the advice that we should cherish it. There is one perk, however, inherent in sophomore year—driving! Most of us hit the big "1-6" our sophomore year, and that is a pretty big deal. Some parents, fully realizing that this is a time for newfound independence—for them and their children—allow their children to take the day off school to take their driver's test; others fear that this may be the last time they see their children in one piece and they put off DMV Day for as long as possible. The responsibilities of driving are enormous, but an especially nice bonus is not having to take the overcrowded, bumpy old bus or beg rides from older brothers and sisters. Some students are even lucky enough to have parents that want to buy them their own cars. And no matter how beat down and rusty your first car is, as soon as you get your license and access to any kind of a car, you can bet that every one of your friends is going to want a ride. Sophomore year might have its drawbacks, but whatever they are, they go away with the coming of junior year!!

--Ashlee Christian

Photo: Berta Avanesch

The Oakton Lobby is a great place to hang out and do homework. Can you guess which one of these young men didn't do his homework?

Michael Rayan
Abigail Reiss
Jordan Rice
Ben Ritter
Melissa Roberts
Michelle Roberts

Myrill Grace Rodriguez
Vanesa Roimicher
Andrea Roiniotis
Sam Rosen
Michelle Rosienski
Jessica Rosime

Robert Ruber
Lena Rubins
Hannah Rutzen
Stephanie Sacha
Craig Sadur
Seme Sahebi

Sharon Saini
Edgar Sanchez
Brianne Sander
Morgen Schalk
Jessica Scharaga
Emily Scheler

Photo: Blance Evangelista

Showing her artistic ability, Helen Kang concentrates as she puts together a bug out of twigs and branches. Can you guess what kind of bug she is making?

Photo: Beera Azamoosh

Besides eating her lunch, Brianne Sanders manages to write a note or two before break is over.

Katherine Schmid
Kevin Schmidt
Karina Shah
Maulin Shah
Nida Shakir
Fyeqa Sheikh

Tammy Shih
Eric Shine
Tammie Shteyn
Jawwad Siddiqui
Michael Silverman
Erin Smolinski

Diana Solovastru
Paul Souferis
Laura Spiro
Jason Spitzer
Katherine Stachowicz
Megan Stark

Kelley Stein
Kathryn Stock
Stephen Stone
Timothy Strauch
Justina Suh
Aron Sullivan

The Top 10 Homework Excuses

10. My printer ran out of ink.
9. Nobody would give me the assignment.
8. I have it somewhere. Let me find it…
7. It's in my locker.
6. I had so much other homework.
5. I thought it was due tomorrow.
4. I never got it.
3. I lost it.
2. What homework?

And the ever popular…

1. My dog ate it. Seriously!

--Kejal Patel & Blance Evangelista

Photo: Beeta Azamoosh

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Top: Nicole Kouzoukas and Monica Dabul are "Livin' La Vida Loca" as they sing to Ricky Martin. A karaoke bar is a great place for a birthday party. Right: Free mods sure come in handy! Peter Lucas takes advantage of his free time to do his homework for his upcoming classes.

Catherine Superdock
Afan Tariq
Erica Tejada
Brenda Teruel
Julie Theefs
Bill Toliopoulos
Michael Tomoleoni

Caroline Topolinski
Daniel Uhle
Suleman Umar
Kristin Ungar
Lubna Usmani
Nicole Vasquez
Michael Verissimo

Anthony Vigneri
Barbara Vo
Jasna Vojcic
Matt Volkov
Jarrett Wagner
Margaret Wattenbarger
Heather Welch

Photo: Beeta Azarnoush

Left: Abigail Reiss pays very close attention as she plucks her cello. Playing an instrument takes a lot of practice because any mistake can surely be heard. Below: "What was in that cookie?" asks Ben Krop as he swallows that nasty bite. Students should be careful of what they eat, especially if it's from the cafeteria. Far Below: "Please don't drop me, please don't drop me," prays Katie Kriticos as she stands or fellow cheerleaders. Balancing is very difficult when standing on four hands.

Photo: Beeta Azarnoush

Kimberly Widdes
Jamie Willis
Daniel Wonsover
Maria Yankova

Arshad Yaqoob
Arbella Younan
Timothy Younan
Rebecca Zavelovich

Carolyn Zich
Michael Zonis

Photo: Beeta Azarnoush

Daniel Macsai ('04) and Lauren Zeinfeld ('04) display their spirit in the Homecoming parade. Freshmen cabinet members worked hard to ensure their float was successful.

Photo: Pam Q

Many freshmen gather in the cafe during their free mods. No one can tell if they're just happy to be in high school, or nervously passing the time.

Photo: Chris

Taking the side streets

Freshmen 2004

Freshmen Homecoming attendees Roberto Jaimes ('04) and Erin Finnicum ('04) share a warm moment before the parade. They seem to be enjoying themselves but who's driving?

Photo: Thoma

Photo: Angel

Right: Lee Handler ('04) signs the words to a song during the choir concert.

Far Right: Sarah Legaspi ('04) works diligently on her art project. Turning sticks into a crab is hard work!

Photo: Alex Harris

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Freshmen starting their high school career is much like the start of an intrepid journey. There are tears, laughter, and many forks in the road. Good luck navigating this trail Freshmen.

Photo Courtesy of Alissa Catlin

Right: These girls sure like to have fun. Kristina Tracey and Kari Chaiken celebrate New Year's Eve at a small get together. Below: Christina Sidiropolous packs up her stuff and gets ready to go on with her busy freshman schedule.

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Paul Agignoae
Christina Ahn
Joseph Aivaz
Mustafa Alam
Nabil Alam
Nicole Amsberry

Eunice An
Jason Ang
William Aponte
Michael Archam
Victor Astudillo
Lidiya Azaryayeva

Junhyun Bae
Monika Bak
Eddie Bakus
Jason Bamaung
Michael Banchoencharoensuk
Christopher Bangit

Valerie Barajas
Eli Barba
Michael Barnes
Alan Barsky
Ashley Barys
Edyta Basara

Photo: Courtesy of Kim Edwardsen

Left: This group of girls is happy to be leaving school early to get ready for the Homecoming dance. Below: With eyes fixed on the screen, Jennifer Casey and others make good use of the computer to research in the IRC.

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Adair Bayatpour
Kristy Bemont
Steven Berkley
Ellen Berzack
Megan Bieschke
Rachelle Billedo

Jennifer Boka
Elena Boyarsky
Adrian Briones
Ryan Brkljacic
Patricia Brooks
Ina Buric

Gabriel Candea
Danny Carnow
Larissa Caruceriu
Jennifer Casey
Monica Castillo
Kari Chaiken

Willa Chan
Sharon Chang
Faraz Chaudry
Carolyn Chermel
Kseniya Chernyavskaya
Thomas Chin

Photo: Beeta Azarnoosh

During a time-out, Erin Finnicum focuses on her coach's plan for the next play. It is important to pay close attention to what the coach has to say.

Roger Chiu

Bowen Chow

Nicholas Chuh

Michael Ciaccio

Adam Cimochowicz

Stephen Coorlas

Brandon Corday

Gloria Cordero

John Cornici

Eric Courtney

Julie Ann Cuenca

Marc Davidson

Kimberly Davis

Melanie Davis

Celeste Del Mundo

Loisa Dela Cruz

Cynthia Delgado

Blerim Delisi

Lisa Derrickson

Elena Dimoulis

Peter Dinges

Debra Diryawish

Erin Donnelly

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Nik Emerson

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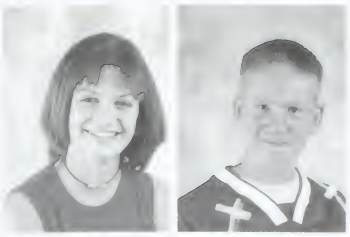


Erin Finnicum
Matthew Flink

Andrea Fontana
Jesse Footlik

Jessica Frank
Laurence Frank

Rachel Friedman
Joanna Gacek

Photo: Courtesy of Kim Edwardson

Buddies, Eunice An and Alan Barsky share a hug while out with some friends.

Joey Galambos
Kevin Garstki
Jacob-Lionel Gecht
Beth Gelfand
Jorie Glassner
Charlie Gockenbach

Blaine Goldflies
Isak Goldman
Othon Gomez
Emily Gonzales
Karlene Gordula
Jack Gould

Michael Grossman
Benjamin Grover
Edgar Guerrero
Dena-Marie Guminiak
Dorothy Gumularz
Sumaiya Hakeem

Ethan Halevi
Grace Hana
Kelly Hanaoka
Lee Handler
Sana Hayat
Molly Heineman

Right: Taking a break from dancing, this group poses for the camera at their first Homecoming high school dance.

Photo: Root

Right: When two beautiful senior girls walked up to the freshmen table, these boys were left speechless, wondering if the girls had noticed them.

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Alexis Herron
Ji Hong
David Iannotti
Anthony Isaac
Romina Isaac
Faisal Ishaque

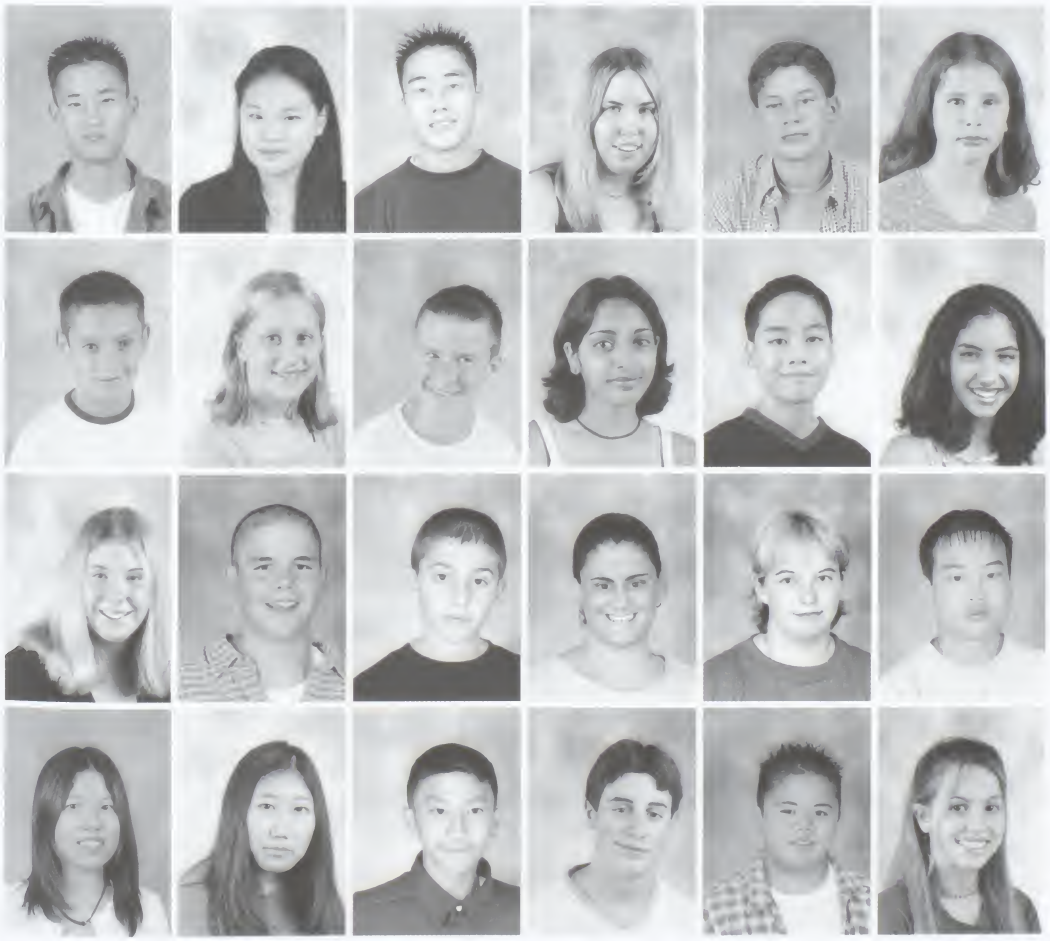
Sandra Israel
Zishan Jaffer
Roberto Jaimes
Aleksandra Janusz
Mitchell Janvier
Marija Jeremic

Vanessa Jeske
Michael Johanson
Andrew Johnson
Jodi Kane
Steve Kang
Noureen Kapadia

Aamil Karimi
Lia Kasios
David Kasper
Tony Kavukattu
Mohammad Khan
Benjamin Kim

Below: Homecoming Court winners, Erin Finnicum and Roberto Jaimes, smile and enjoy their car ride during the Homecoming Parade.

Photos: Angela Pabalan



Edward Kim
Joan Kim
Yooshin Kim
Nicole Klemens
Kenneth Klint
Ingrid Kocjan

Garret Kozlowski
Valerie Krynski
Damian Kulikowski
Lesley Kunnacherril
Elmer Ladlad
Ambreen Lakhani

Anne Lamanna
Christopher Lamarz
Sam Lane
Nicole Large
Jessica Laub
David Lee

Jenny Lee
Laura Lee
Nicholas Leevathana
James Leventis
Cezar Leynes
Carli Liberti

The worst thing I have ever done to a freshman was....

"I pushed them into the lockers and made them buy me lunch." --David Umana ('01)

"I made a few freshmen do relay races around the cafeteria." --Thomas Moreno ('01)

"I told them it was okay to use faculty bathrooms." --Elizabeth Pizarro ('01)

"I threw a freshman into the pool with his clothes on." --Christofer Bialobrzewski ('01)

Photo: Courtesy of Kim Edwardson

Right: Michael Noonan attends a sports banquet and gives one thumb up for the good food served.

"I told a freshman that I was a secuity guard and asked for his I.D. because drugs had been found in his locker." --Pete Gikas ('01)

"A freshman asked me where the science wing was and I sent him straight to the Oakton Lobby." --Jason So ('01)

"I told a freshman that room 342 was in the basement and it would be faster to take the elevator." --Michelle Filip ('01)

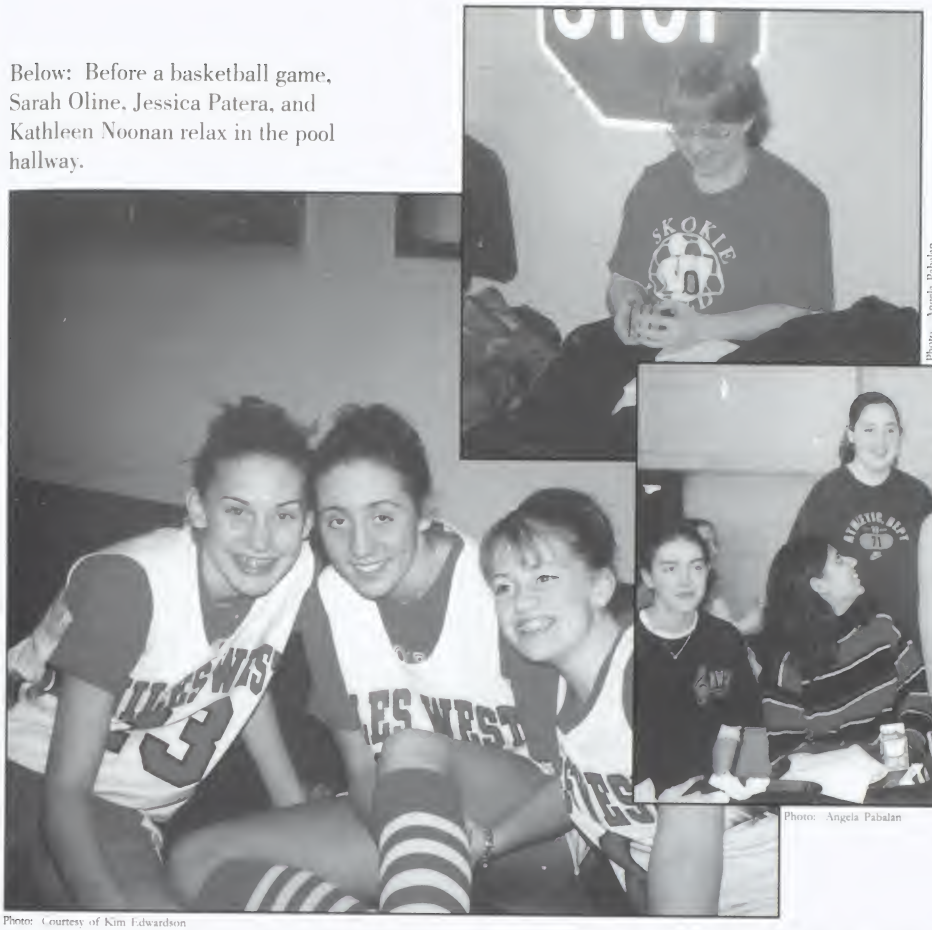
Vjolca Lika
Michael Lim
Michael Lindahl
Michael Long
Luchie Lopez
Adrian Lovera

Jarryd Loyd
Daniel MacSai
Carli Magel
Daniel Magnus
Nikhil Malhotra
Idi Mallari

Carmen Mandou
Shaden Maniscalco
Waqar Markatia
Andrea Markewych
Eduardo Martinez
Maximilian Mazur

Elliott McGillivray
Walter Mendenhall
Gregory Mercer
Samantha Meron
Suzanne Meyerowitz
Kristina Miceli

Below: Before a basketball game, Sarah Oline, Jessica Patera, and Kathleen Noonan relax in the pool hallway.



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Left: During one of her breaks, Jessica Laub masters the Rubik's Cube.

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Left: The Oakton Lobby seems to be the place to hang out for these freshmen girls. They take time out of their free mods for a quick picture.

George Michael
Patrick Milott
Scott Mita
Husam Mohammed
Eric Mueller
Monique Murphy

Mustafa Musawwir
Kristina Mykolaityte
Glynis Naguita
Jennifer Natkin
Jenny Nejad
Ashley Ng

Thompson Nguyen
Florinda Nitti
Mark Noble
Kathleen Noonan
Michael Noonan
Susan Nowak

Mark Nowakowski
Eva Odisho
Sarah Oline
Nicolette Pajda
Lopa Pandya
Lauren Pantazis

Right: On the night of the Homecoming dance, this group of freshmen begin their night with dinner at a restaurant. This is going to be a night to remember. Below: Fooling around after school, Steven Berkley and Damian Kulikowski make faces for the camera. The third floor is a popular place to find goofy freshmen.

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Michael Pantazis
John Park
Joshua Park
Yoo Na Park
Rumana Parveen
Asif Patel

Kunal Patel
Jessica Patera
Allison Peck
Adam Pedroza
Geneveve Perada
Jorge Perez

Stephanie Persaud
Lauren Perzov
Nicholas Petrakis
Elana Petrova
Laura Phillips
Charlie Piasny

Brooke Plasencia
Ashley Polikoff
Jessica Pravnik
Alexandra Quillen
Kaitlynn Radtke
Jessica Rainey

Photos: Angela Pabalan

Left: Studying hard for his English class, Sean Jensen is oblivious to everything else.

Marc Ramos
Rana Rayan
Beth Rheinstrom
Misako Rivera
Christopher Rizzo
Sarah Rodeghero

Claire Rogoski
Kristina Roman
Anastasia Romaschenko
Jarrett Room
Alejandra Rosas
Samantha Rosati

Daniel Rose
Michael Rosin
Brian Ross
Edward Rouzin-Moy
Blair Rudd
Linda Rusak

Jason Sachs
Omar Salem
Emily Saltz
Becky Sanderman
Stephanie Sanders
Greg Saraceno

Right: It's not very common to see a freshman on the varsity tennis team, but there's an exception for Michelle Siroko. She has been playing tennis for a long time now and loves every moment.

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Right: Gym teacher, Tony Konsewicz, loves to make his freshman classes break a sweat. If they mess up on their crunches and push-ups, they will just have to do them over again.

Right: After a successful swim meet, Kari Chaiken and Jacqueline Snowsky get a head start to the locker room.

Photo: Beeta Azarnoosh

Photo: Rooi

Nathan Scherwinski
Amanda Schwartz
Muneeba Shariff
Erica Shaw
Nael Shehade
Brett Sher

Chelsea Sher
Sarah Sherry
Raymond Shlimon
Sara Siddiqui
Sheraz Siddiqui
Brandon Siena

Lauren Silverman
Amar Smajlovic
Jacqueline Snowsky
Narcis Solovastru
Bhadresh Soni
Bill Souferis

The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

Good: Choosing from more activities

Meeting new people from other schools

Getting away with some things that upperclassmen cannot

Bad: Making the transition from eighth grade to high school

Having piles of homework and getting less sleep

Losing old friends

Ugly: Being pushed around by upperclassmen

Having pennies thrown at you

Being given wrong directions

Compiled By: Kate Miyamoto and Lauren Curry

Chris Souleles
Monica Stankiewicz
Justine Stark
Mirjana Stimac
Jennifer Stoker
Jessica Stoneberg

Marissa Strassberger
Laura Strum
Brian Sumague
Ian Sutherland
Jacqueline SzymcZak
Albert Tamondong

Michael Tamondong
Loreen Targos
Rachel Tarnoff
Nick Tarzian
Alex Tejeda
David Terdich

Amra Terzic
Louie Theodorakakis
Maxine Thiel
Eric Thieleman
Hristos Tirovolas
Aimee Toren

Below: During gym class, Ioanna Halkias acts goofy with her cool glasses. Right: What's German teacher, Dawn Jacobs, doing in the Freshmen Cabinet's group picture? Everyone still had fun participating in the Homecoming Parade.

Photo: Lauren Cerra

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Matthew Torres
Kristina Tracey
Andrew Trettin
Sarah Trilling
Courtney Tutt
Zorina Vakser

Laura Vanderbosch
Andrew Vardijan
Jimmy Varghese
Julia Varsamis
Renee Vassiliou
Rachel Waddick

Paul Wagner
Tania Wartanian
Rachel West
Daka Wiedeman
Rhiannon Wilk
Danielle Willer

Top Ten Freshman Fears

10. Eating the cafeteria food
9. Getting a Saturday detention
8. Having pennies thrown at you
7. Getting lost in the hallways
6. Missing the bus
5. Getting stuck in closed hallways
4. Making new friends and fitting in
3. Walking into the wrong classroom
2. Being harrassed by seniors
1. Dean Erickson

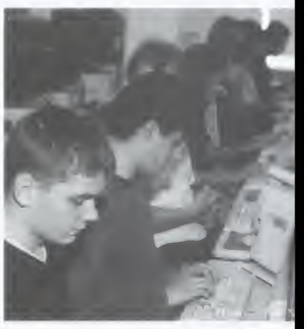
Cindy Wisniewski
Eric Wolinetz
Brittany Wu
Tony Xie
Viktoriya Yarovaya

Lisa Yee
Fidelline Youhanna
Joanna Zajac
Lauren Zeinfeld
Zeeshan Zohib

Making the right turn

Staff and Academics

Industrial arts teacher Lou Torres preaches his "industrial gospel" to a classroom of eager learners. Students pick things up more quickly in dynamic learning environments such as this.



Computer programming classes give students the immersion they need to become literate computer users. Computer stations are packed in every lab in the building with busy worker bees.

Math teacher Dave Larson engages his students in the classroom. Good luck getting through to them Mr. Larson; they seem fairly distant.

Right: Joe Isho ('02) quickly glances over his homework in the IRC. Students who find themselves swamped with work often times find solace in the IRC.

Far Right: Science teacher Susan Padilla takes a break from her busy day to play with toys in her office. Let's hope she's not on the clock.

Niles West isn't only home to the best student body, but also the best faculty. The quality of the teachers is clearly reflected by the quality work churned out year after year by the student body.

Right: "I have taught for twenty years on the middle school, high school, community college, and university levels. My freelance writing has been published in several magazines and journals," comments Michael Conroy. Conroy teaches journalism, photojournalism, and is the West Word advisor. Here he is shown helping Steven Phillips ('02) with his layout. Below: "I taught for three years in Catholic schools and worked part time in an ice rink driving the Zamboni, etc." comments AV Coordinator Joe Brennan. During the school day, Brennan can be found helping students fix computer problems and utilize technology to the fullest.

Photo: Alex Harris

Photo: Angela Pahdan

Before They Were Teachers **Before They Were Teachers** Before They Were T

APPLIED SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Jean Attig
Business Management and Law, Marketing, Advertising
Lisa Dunham
Fashion Workshop, Child Development/Nursery
Glenn Jurek
Autos
Marcia Kiraly
Child Development/Nursery and Cooking

Rick Kolze
College Accounting, CVE
Eric Lueder
CDE
Louis Metallo
Intro to Computers, Computer Applications, Management for Living, Business Entrepreneurship
Florence Nemkovich
Cooking

Photo: Angela Palatas

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Left: "I worked for three different consulting groups to financial institutions as a software engineer. I also worked full time at my church as Assistant Director of High School Ministries, where my responsibilities consisted mainly of managing the ministry's material and financial resources, and leading teams of volunteers to help run special events," explains math teacher Bob Nortillo. Here Nortillo is using a triangle to explain a concept to his geometry students.

Photo: Jan Hunt

Middle: Health class involves many projects including the heart transplant project. Health teacher Joyce Van Alstin is helping some of her students with their research. Before becoming a teacher at Niles West, Van Alstin was an aerobics instructor. In high school, she sold Avon products. Left: Wow, Images sponsor and English teacher Dana DesJardins has done it all. During high school, she was a waitress, a short order cook, did office work, baby-sat, and worked in a stereo store. Before becoming a teacher at Niles West, she was an apple picker, baker, cook in a group home, maid, receptionist, bookkeeper, checker, stocker, and in construction.

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Geraldine O'Connel
Secretary
Paul Rojas
Electronics
Patrick Savage
Consumer Education
Jenifer Sinnick
Intro to Computers, Computer Applications

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Dean
Cathy Johnson
Dean
Luke Pavone
Dean
Deanna Ruiz
Attendance Clerk

Ever wonder what your favorite teacher looked like in junior high, high school, or college? These teachers shared some pictures from their scrapbooks. Some looked like themselves even then, others are another story. Try to guess who these teachers are and check your answers below.

Answers
A: Elizabeth Ramseyer
B: Dana Kantor
C: Heidi Baran
D: Sue Padilla
E: Tim Miller
F: David Mahern
G: Heidi Miller
H: Paula Bachman
I: Sue Padilla

A: This teacher enjoyed chemistry and was a nurses' aide in a nursing home during high school. Before becoming a teacher at Niles West, she was a software tester in an insurance claims programs company.

B: That student on the right was extremely active during her high school years at Niles West. She was part of Cabinet, Student Senate, S.A.D.D. Club, and served as Vice President of the National Honors Society. She also received the Ivy Lynn Chaplik Humanitarian Award which recognizes students that demonstrate sensitivity, involvement, and school or community spirit.

C & G: That cheerleader in the center was also very active during her years at Homewood Flossmoor High School. She ran cross country and played soccer, was part of student government, and a cheerleader. She also found time to be a lifeguard and a waitress.

A

Photo Courtesy of Elizabeth Ramseyer

Photo Courtesy of Sue Padilla

I

H

Photo Courtesy of Paula Bachman

Photo Courtesy of

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Nancy Sheehan
Secretary
Beverly Sporina
Attendance Clerk

DRIVERS' EDUCATION
Frank Houlihan
Bryan Wittersheim

ENGLISH
Kevin Bond
Freshman and Sophomore English, American Lit. and Comp.
Phyllis Coleman
English and Social Studies Resource Center
Dana DesJardins
Freshman English, A.P. English, College Prep.
Kimberly Eisenhut
Freshman and Sophomore English, American Lit. and Comp

Photos: Courtesy of Dana Kairys

B

Photos: Courtesy of Heidi Beran

C

D & I: "I served over one billion at McDonald's. That nowhere job motivated me to stay in school," commented this graduate. She also made $15 an hour tutoring during high school. Her favorite classes were anatomy and physiology, where she dissected everything, including a mink.

Photos: Courtesy of Sue Padilla

D

E: Looks like a familiar face? This student was a member of the Spanish Club and the soccer team. He even went on to play rugby in college.

F: This student enjoyed French in high school. He worked at Marshall's, played in many bands, and enjoyed an occasional game of ultimate frisbee. Before becoming a teacher at Niles West, he was a university lecturer in Tokyo, Japan and Madrid, Spain.

Photos: Courtesy of David Malatesta

G

F

Photos: Courtesy of Tim Miller

E

H: This graduate baby-sat, gave piano lessons, and directed the youth choir at her church during high school. Her favorite classes were music, math, and Latin.

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Patrick Flynn
Freshman English, College Prep.
Nanciann Gatta
College Prep., Sophomore English, American Lit. and Comp., Lit. of Moral Conflict
Nathan Gray
Sophomore English, College Prep., Senior Skills
John Heintz
American Lit. and Comp., Public Speaking

Michele Hettinger
American Lit. and Comp., Sophomore English
Tamara Jaffe-Notier
Freshman English, College Prep., World Lit.
Marvin Klebba
Sophomore English, American Lit. and Comp.
David Klingenberger
Great American Writers, Freshman English

A: Sharon Swanson

Photo: Angela Pakulski

B: Lisa Dunham

Photo: Vic Harris

Photo: Vic Harris

D: Elizabeth Ramse

Wondering why these photos of these teachers are here? Well, all of these bright shiny faces are proud parents. Both Brad Wilson, ESL teacher, and Jean Attig, Business Education teacher, like to relieve the stresses of their teaching jobs by playing with their children. Flip the page to see the photos of these teachers' children. See if you can match these proud parents with their children.

Compiled By: Alissa Catiis and Anna Slonim

Brad Wilson

Photo: Gilbert's

Teachers and Kids **Teachers** and Kids Teachers and Kids Teachers and Kids Te

Dena Lichterman
American Lit. and Comp., Senior Skills
Sally Moore
Freshman English, Humanities
Kaine Osburn
Freshman and Sophomore English, College Prep., Images of Lit.
Mary Jo Perry
Reading, U.S. History, Social Studies

Pat Stone
Reading, Freshman English
Sharon Swanson
Sophomore English, College Prep., Yearbook
Jody Weatherington
Creative Writing, Sophomore English
ESL
Gevik Anbarchian

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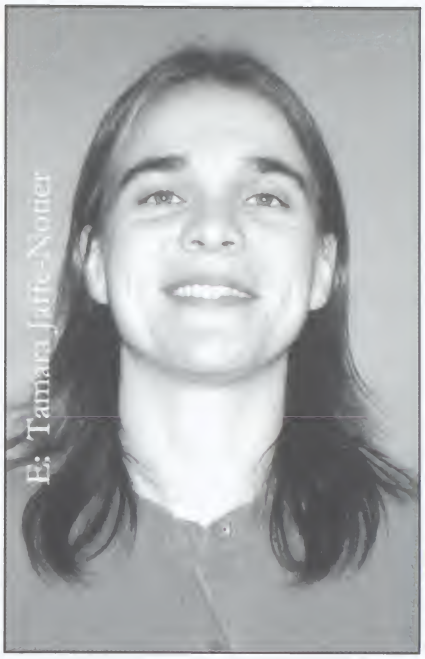

E: Tamara Jutt-Nottet

Photo: Angela Paludan

F: Robert Nortillo

Photo: Angela Paludan

H: Timothy Miller

Photo: Angela Paludan

I: Shaun Waldron

Photo: Angela Paludan

J: Scott Ackman

Photo: Angela Paludan

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Jane Jurek
Leslie Natzke
Cynthia Philbin

FINE ARTS

Gary Davis
Art

Steven Katz
Orchestra
James Konsbruck
Beginning Guitar
Judie Miller
Art

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Steven Beaver
Spanish

Olivia (3

Kristen (6 months)

Ben (4) and Sam (6)

Kiernan (3) and Aidan (6 months)

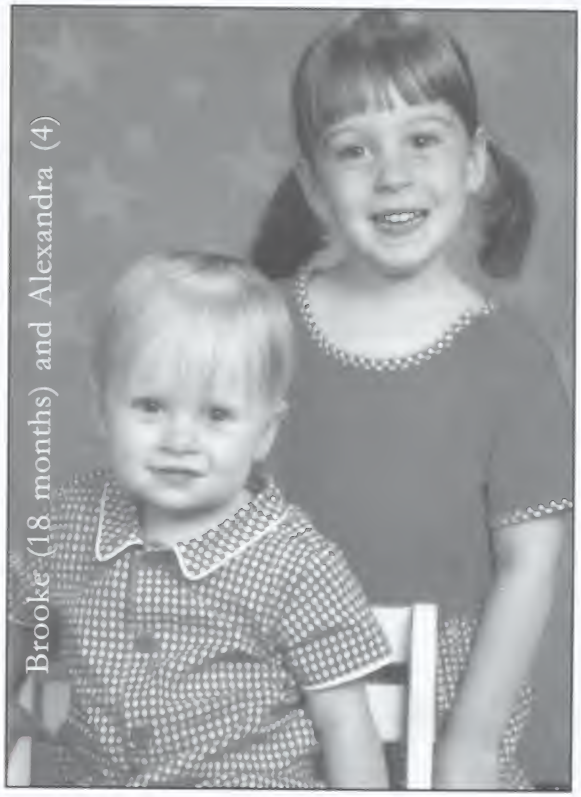
Avery (1)

Rachel (23) and Matthew (25)

Teachers and **Kids** Teachers and Kids Teachers and Kids Teachers and Kids Teach

Carmela Coniglione
Spanish
Marla Cowan
French and Spanish
Maria Dimitrijevic
Foreign Language Resource Center
Denise Eisenberg
Spanish

Dawn Jacobs
German
Andrew Johnson
Spanish
Luisa Karimighovanloo
Spanish
David Malatesta
Spanish



Brooke (18 months) and Alexandra (4)

Claire (5)

Zachary (4)

Peyton Michelle (2)

Conor (1)

Aren't they cute? Check your answers below.

Answers
A: Rachel and Matthew Swanson
B: Kiernan and Aidan Dunham
C: Peyton Michelle Attig
D: Conor Ramseyer
E: Claire and Zachary Jaffe-Notier
F: Olivia and Kristen Nortillo
G: Brooke and Alexandra Wilson
H: Ben and Sam Miller
I and J: Avery Ackman

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Josef Neumayer
German
James Sagarin
Hebrew
Kelley Taylor
Spanish
Eileen Walvoord
French

INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTER (IRC)

Joseph Brennan
AV Coordinator
Sherry Goldman
Floor Supervisor
Phyllis Rieman
IRC Coordinator
Heidi Richards
AV Clerk

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Scissors, tape, baby shower plates, foam dice, and even "fart spray." These are just some of the plethora of items that you will find lurking inside teachers' desks. See if you can match the teacher to the desk.

Photo: Angela Pabalan

What's Inside That Desk? **What's Inside That Desk?** What's Inside That Desk? Wh

Helen Rifkin
Media Specialist
Christina Stoll
Periodical Desk
Penny Swartz
Media Specialist

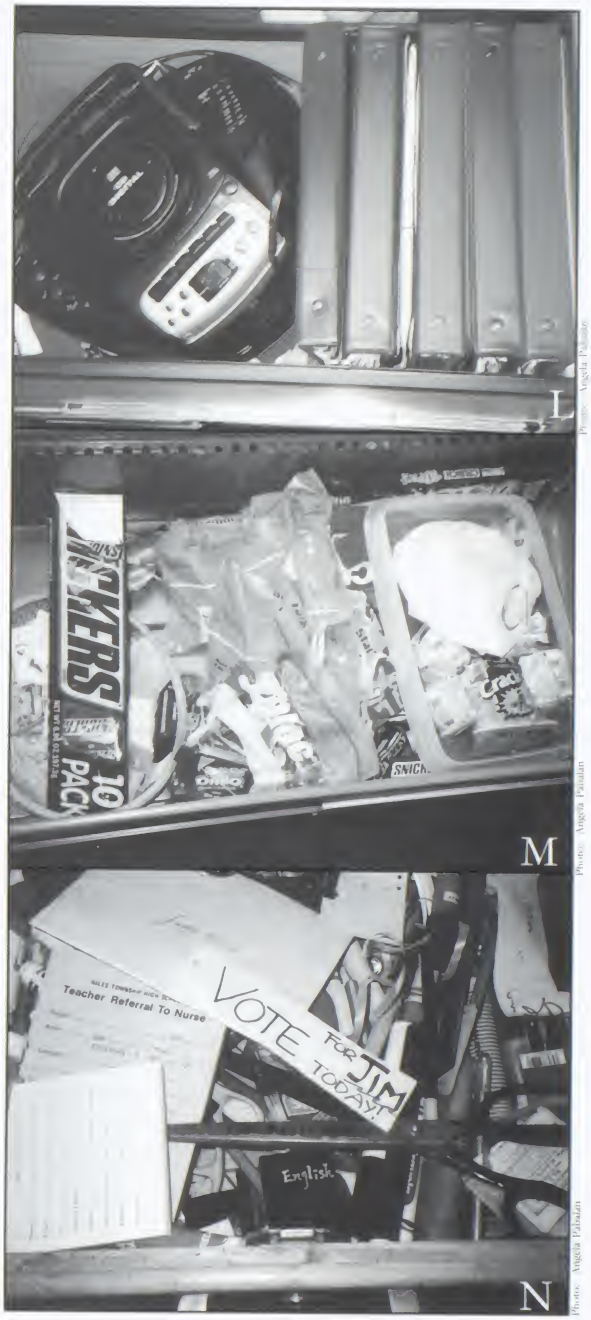
INFORMATION SERVICES

Benjamin Grais
Technical Support Trainer

MAIN OFFICE

Barry Brodsky
Assistant Principal
Barbara Drachenberg
Clerk
Annete Mei
Substitute Clerk
Roger Stein
Principal

Answers
A: Howie Swider, Science
B: Happi Bills, Math
C: Dana Kanwischer, Social Studies
D: Lisa Renee Hindel, Special Education
E: Michele Hettinger, English
F: Stephanie Lee, Guidance Counselor
G: Shaun Waldron, Social Studies
H: Erick Kaiser, Special Education
I: Susan Padilla, Science
J: Kate Fahey, Math
K: Sharon Mikula, Math
L: Josef Neumayer, Foreign Language
M: Emily de Guzman, Social Studies
N: Judie Miller, Art



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MATH

Jodi Anderson
Algebra
Happi Bills
AAT, Geometry, Topics in Precalculus
George Bravos
Precalculus, Algebra, Geometry
Collen Davis
Algebra, Geometry, AAT

Sean Delahanty
Geometry, Algebra, Precalculus
Todd Dvorak
Trigonometry/Precalculus, Geometry
Kathleen Fahey
Algebra, *Trigonometry/Precalculus, Statistics*
James Krzeminski
Algebra, Computer Programming, Intro to Calculus

It's 10:45. You've just finished playing your trumpet during Band. You have Chemistry next period. That means you have exactly five minutes to get from room M3 to room 345, all the way at the other end of the school. You drank too much Diet Coke during your lunch break, so now you have to go the bathroom. To top it all off, you forgot your Chemistry worksheet in your locker. Now, is this all poor planning or a common occurrence here at Niles West?

Face it. You have five minutes to get from one class to another, and if that means that you have to get from the music wing to the science wing, then that's what it means. You have to battle more than 2,300 students, plus staff members and the added security staff, for elbow room in the hallways to get to your next class. Sounds tough, right?

Photo - Alissa Carus

Music selected by a committee of students is played during the first four minutes of the passing period at Riverside Brookfield High School. After the music stops, students know that they have a minute left to get to class. "I think it would be cool to have music played during the passing periods, but not realistic. I think most people won't even care and go about their business, but it still sounds cool," commented Bae Jun ('02).

Q: What is the most you've ever done in a five minute passing period?

A: I can't seem to get anything done during the five minute passing periods because they are too short, but that's not my problem anymore because I'm a senior. --Karen Olsen ('01)

Photo - Alissa Carus

Passing Periods **Passing Periods** Passing Periods Passing Periods Passing Per

Amber Lange
Algebra, Business Math, Geometry
Timothy Miller
Analysis, Calculus, Topics in Precalculus
Natalie Moscovitch
Geometry, Algebra
Robert Nortillo
Geometry, Precalculus

Evelyn Raffanti
Algebra, Analysis, Precalculus
Lynne Rauser
Algebra, Geometry
Mark Rigby
Applied Math, Geometry
Daniel Rusk
Calculus

Photo: Beeta Azarmoosh

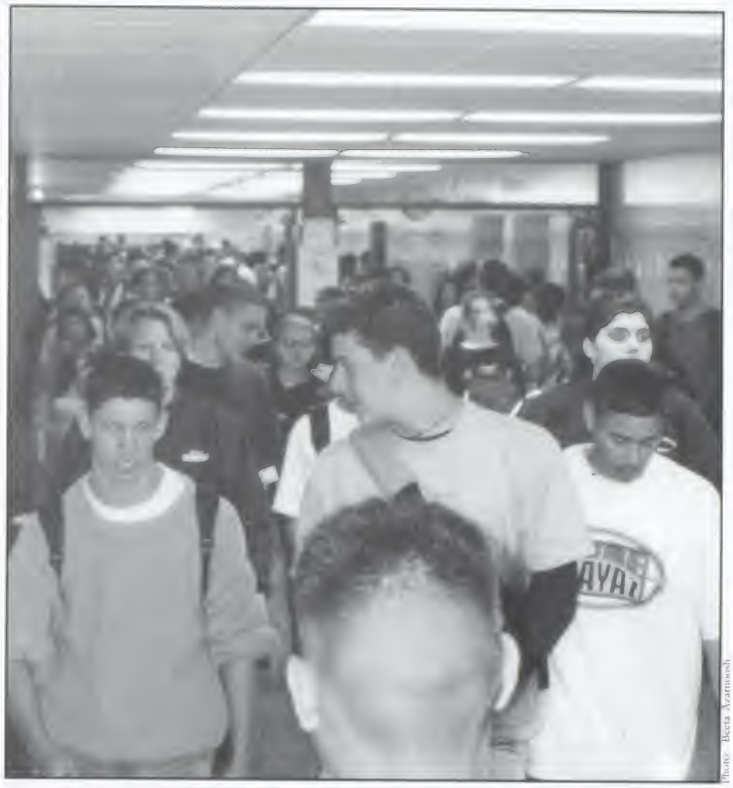

Photo: Beeta Azarmoosh

Middle: The Hall of Honor is one of the most crowded hallways at Niles West. Students struggle for access to the first floor classrooms, the gym, and the cafeteria. Left: "The best way to get to class is to position yourself behind a really big guy or to stay low and walk quickly," jokes Anna Slonim ('01). This is the first floor during one of the busiest passing periods of the day.

Photo: Alissa Cahn

Left: There is a big difference in the hallways between when they are open and when they are closed. Here, a completely empty hallway after everyone has gone home.

Photo: Root

Q: What's the most you've ever done in a five minute passing period?

A: Run to the IRC, got a disk I forgot there, print two papers, talk to some friends in the computer lab, chat with a teacher, stop at my locker, wash my hands, and get a drink of water.
--Seth Reagen ('02)

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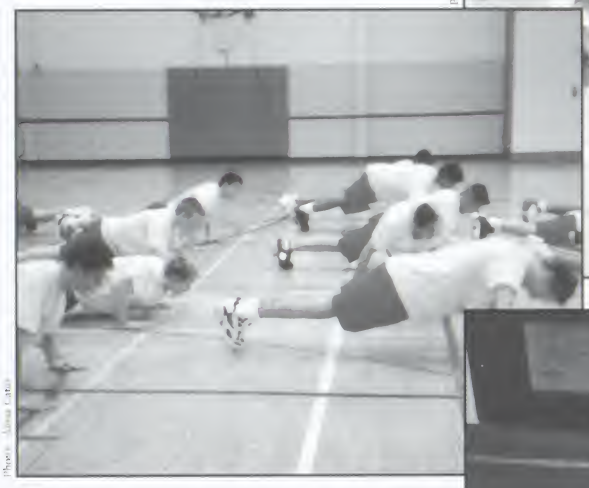
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Anne Beatty-Heselton
Mark Egofske
Health
Pamela Foerch
Garry Gustafson

Lee Hillier
Brian Katzman
Athletic Equipment Manager
Anthony Konsewicz
Teri Langston

Photo: Alissa Cain

Middle: Climbing the wall is one of the integral components of Adventure Education. Ada Lee ('02) uses her strength to climb up the wall. She successfully made it to the top. Left: In order to test their teamwork and communication skills, Adam Parsill ('02) and Michael Mueller ('02) have to try to get up the wall while being tied together. They were able to make it all the way.



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Above: This freshman boys' physical education class has a higher enrollment than Adventure Education, because it is a required class, while Adventure Education is an elective. Here the boys flex their muscles as they do their push-ups. Left: "Adventure Education is unlike any other gym class that I have had before. It's not really about your physical ability. It's about testing your own limits, communication, and effort," comments Svilena Balabanova ('02). Here she is learning how to tie knots so that she can climb the wall.

Adventure Ed **Adventure Ed** Adventure Ed Adventure Ed Adventure Ed Adve

Steve Ramseyer
Mindy Slutzky
Rebecca Tuecke

SCIENCE

Bonnie Brenner
Science, Biology, Physiology

Howard Fogel
Chemistry
Dottie Fugiel
Chemistry
Ruth Gleicher
Biology
Rita Kay
Physiology, Biology

Photo: Alissa Cattis

Adventure Education is a class offered to those individuals who wish to challenge themselves. It also involves a lot of team-building and trust-building initiatives. Adventure Ed allows students to push themselves towards overcoming an obstacle. It also students to try new things that they thought were impossible. Adventure Ed involves team building, orienteering, kayaking, rapelling, climbing high ropes, cross country skiing, and archery. --Dan Vander Jeugdt, Adventure Ed teacher

Q: What is different about Adventure P.E. compared to any other gym class you've had?

Photo: Alissa Cattis

A: It's very exciting. It's not something you do every day. There is a lot of teamwork involved. Your safety depends on your classmates.
--Nasir Bhanpuri ('02).

Photo: Alissa Cattis

A: It requires a very strong trust of your classmates and it's much more exciting than a normal gym class. There's a lot of teamwork involved in getting up the wall.
--Sara Ryan ('02)

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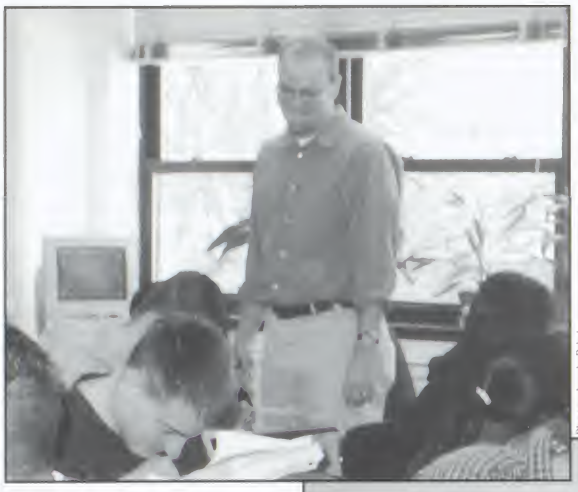
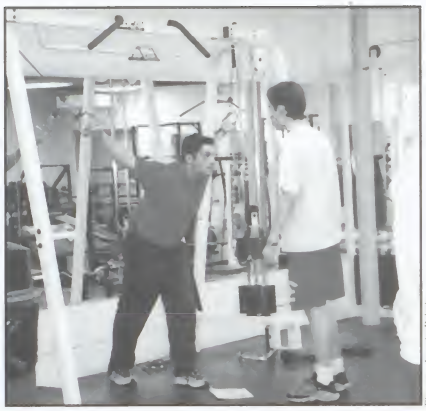
Ann Levinson
Chemistry
Martha Lietz
Physics
Thomas Meskel
Director of Math and Science
Susan Padilla
Integrated Lab Science

Cindy Protus-Edelstein
Biology, Chemistry
Elizabeth Ramseyer
Physics
Shelley Ritz
Secretary of Math and Science
Howard Swider
Physics





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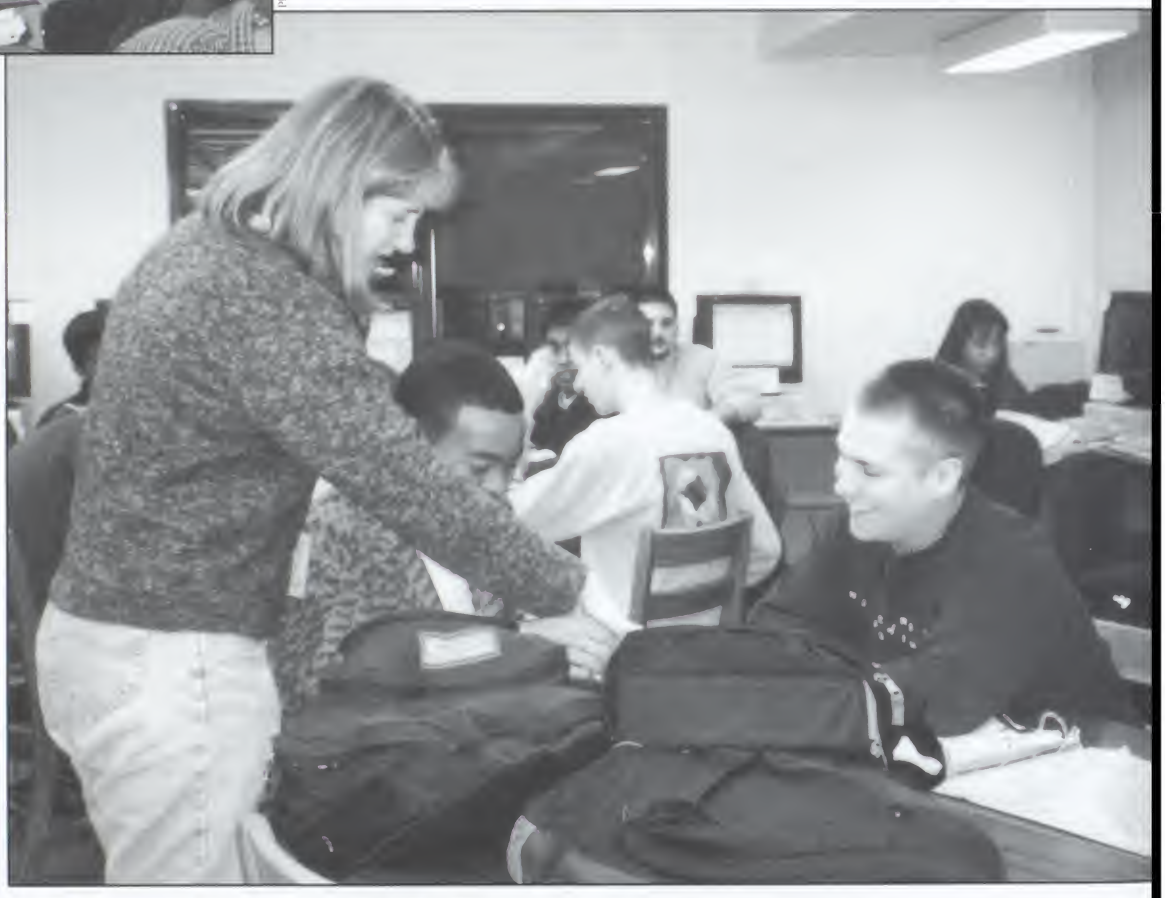

Clockwise From Above: Joe Edwards is a new Social Studies teacher. This year he is teaching People and their Cultures and Family Living. Chris Vivone is a new Physical Education teacher. Here he is demonstrating how to properly use this weight machine. Leanne Hillier is the lead Physical Education teacher. She helped bring more athletic opportunities to girls at Niles West. Here she is helping a student learn to dive. Right: "Ms. Watkins is such a good teacher. She explains things really well," commented Scott Peters ('01). Elizabeth Watkins is a new Chemistry teacher. Here she is helping Lonnie Williams ('02) and Kevin Vanderporten ('02) with their project.

New Faces, Old Faces **New Faces, Old Faces** New Faces, Old Faces New Face

Elizabeth Watkins
Chemistry

SECURITY
Janice Gillono
School Resource Officer
George Mendes
Jacqui Smith

SOCIAL STUDIES
Emily de Guzman
People and Cultures, U.S. History
Joseph Edwards
People and Cultures, Family Living
Steve Grossman
Psychology
Dana Kanwischer
Sociology, Law

Photo: Angela Paludan

Photo: Angela Paludan

Far Left: Art teachers Gary Davis and Judie Miller (left) have been here for 35 and 34 years, respectively. The art program has gone from being a graded course, to a pass/fail course, and back to a graded course. This year, advanced art courses, as well as an honors option in art, were added to the curriculum. Here, Davis is helping Steven Terc ('03) with his self-portrait, while Miller assists Angel Bakov ('04) with his art project. Without Davis and Miller, the art program would not be what it is today. Thank you!

Photo: Angela Paludan

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Left: In the course of his 28 years here, Frank Houlihan has enabled hundreds of students to take road trips of their own. Here he delivers a lecture to his class on proper driving techniques. Right: Here's an old face and a new face. Monica Zemaier is a new social worker here. She is also the new Photography Club sponsor. David Lee has worked with many students in his 27 years here. He used to be the sponsor of the Peer Leaders.

Photo: Angela Paludan

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Far Left: Marv Klebba has been an English teacher for 34 years. He has also been a baseball and girls' basketball coach. Left: An integral component of any science class is performing experiments. Chemistry teacher Ann Levinson is helping Charles Lambropoulos ('03) and Crystal Calayag ('03) with their lab. Levinson has taught Chemistry here for 32 number of years. She is also the W.Y.S.E. sponsor leading W.Y.S.E. to place first in its division. The members came in first place in six out of the seven subject areas.

Old Faces New Faces, Old Faces New Faces, Old Faces New Faces, Old Faces

Janet Kelsey
U.S. History
Joseph Meyer
People and Cultures, U.S. History
Matthew Weatherington
People and Cultures, U.S. History

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Kathleen Brandes
HC Teacher

Raymond Carr
CIC Teacher
Ticia Doughty
Larry Fogel
CIC Teacher
Alexa Forman
CIC Teacher

Left: Scott Ackman is listening to a speaker in one of his Social Studies classes. Him and his wife, Social Studies teacher Shaun Waldron (pictured below) are the proud parents of an adorable one year-old girl, Avery. They are expecting another baby very soon. Below: Without this dynamic duo, the main office would not run as smooth, and you would have to take oral tests because your teachers would never be able to make any copies. Kathy Spreitzer (below) is the sponsor of the Color Guard as well as a secretary in the main office and an active voice in the band program. Her camera shy husband, Joe, single-handedly makes all the copies at Niles West.

Photo: Angela Pabaian

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Couples Couples **Couples** Couples Couples Couples Couples Couples Couples Couples Couple

Ron Gralewski
CIC Teacher
Lisa Renee Hindel
Special Ed Coordinator
Erick Kaiser
HC Teacher
Paula Miller
Director of Special Education

Barbara Munder
Interpreter
Bob O'Brien
Transition
Lynne Scholpp
Secretary
David Solovy
CIC Teacher

Photo Courtesy of Elizabeth Ramseyer

Left: "It is good working together because we share a common goal and teaching students is what we enjoy," comments science teacher Elizabeth Ramseyer. She and Physical Education teacher Steve Ramseyer were married on January 27, 1996. Below: "The best thing about working together is that we both get to work with such amazing people (students and staff). We've been fortunate enough to be able to go on several W.H.O. Club Habitat for Humanity spring break trips together, for example," explains English teacher Jody Weatherington. She met her husband, Social Studies teacher Matt Weatherington, in college at the University of Iowa.

Photo Courtesy of Jody Weatherington

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Peggy Sullivan
Karen Trachsel
CIC Teacher
Denise Whitefield
IIC Teacher
Tom Zera
Transition

STUDENT SERVICES
Ann Alegnani
Counselor
Peggy Bassrawi
Nurse
Arlene Bracken
Secretary
Joetta Costello
Secretary

Left to Right (from bottom right): Ever wonder who works behind the scenes in the IRC making sure that computers and bookmarks get set up? Well, thanks to Media Specialist Penny Swartz, the IRC is able to maximize technology use. Carlotta Gonzales is the secretary of the Physical Education Department. She can often be found administering tests and quizzes to students that miss them in P.E. and Health and helping the athletic teams run smoothly. Not only is Kathy Spreitzer a secretary in the main office, but she helps with the Music Department. She does everything from cheering on the marching band at competitions to making the centerpieces at Pasta and Pops. Ben Grais is part of the Information Services Department. "Under the pressures of having to run the school's computers, Mr. Grais seems to remain clam. He is always nice and willing to help out anyone who needs help," said Sam Rosen ('03), an employee of the Information Services Department.

Left to Right (starting from right): Juggling oranges is what George Bravos does best, along with teaching math, of course. Patricia Harn is the principal's secretary. "The school would not run without Ms. Harn. She knows every one and every thing about Niles West. Whenever I have an inquiry regarding West Word, I call Ms. Harn," comments Amy Rainey ('02). Not only can Amber Lange and James Krzeminski balance mathematical equations and solve for inequalities, they can also do handstands in their free time.

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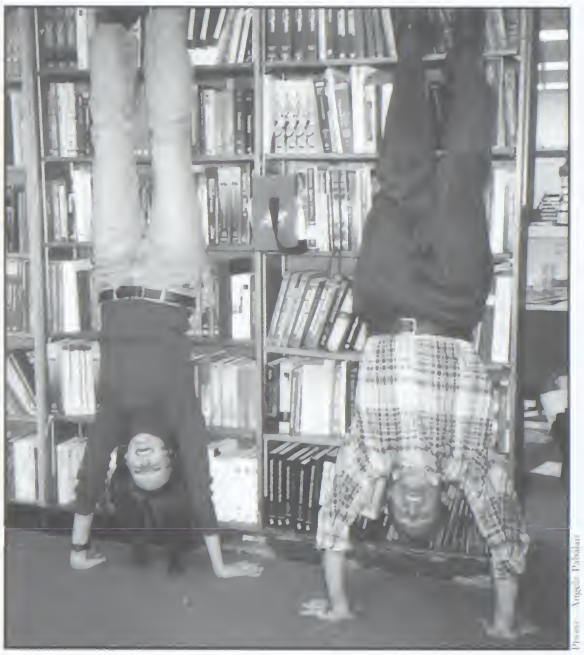
Support Staff and Tricks

Support Staff and Tric

Carol Dammrich
Nurse
Dana Kantor
Psychologist
Hope Kracht
Counselor
Kimberly Landini
Psychologist

Stephanie Lee
Counselor
Marla Levitan
Counselor
Yvonne Miller
Counselor
Mark O'Brien
Director of Student Services



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Support Staff and Tricks Support Staff and Tricks Support Staff and Tricks

Laurie Shapiro
Speech Pathologist
Celeste Smith
Freshman Seminar
Mitch Stern
Counselor
Jeanne Walshon
Secretary

Judy Wheatman
ISAT Remediation
Khanna Youkhana
Academic Recovery
Monica Zemaier
Social Worker

David Miller ('00) and Diana Stoic ('00) share an onstage moment in *What We Did for Love*. The musical was completely student written, directed, and designed.

Jeremy Kawakami ('01) and Kari Schaab ('01) strut their stuff at the annual fashion show. Not only do students design and make knockout clothing--they get to model it, too.

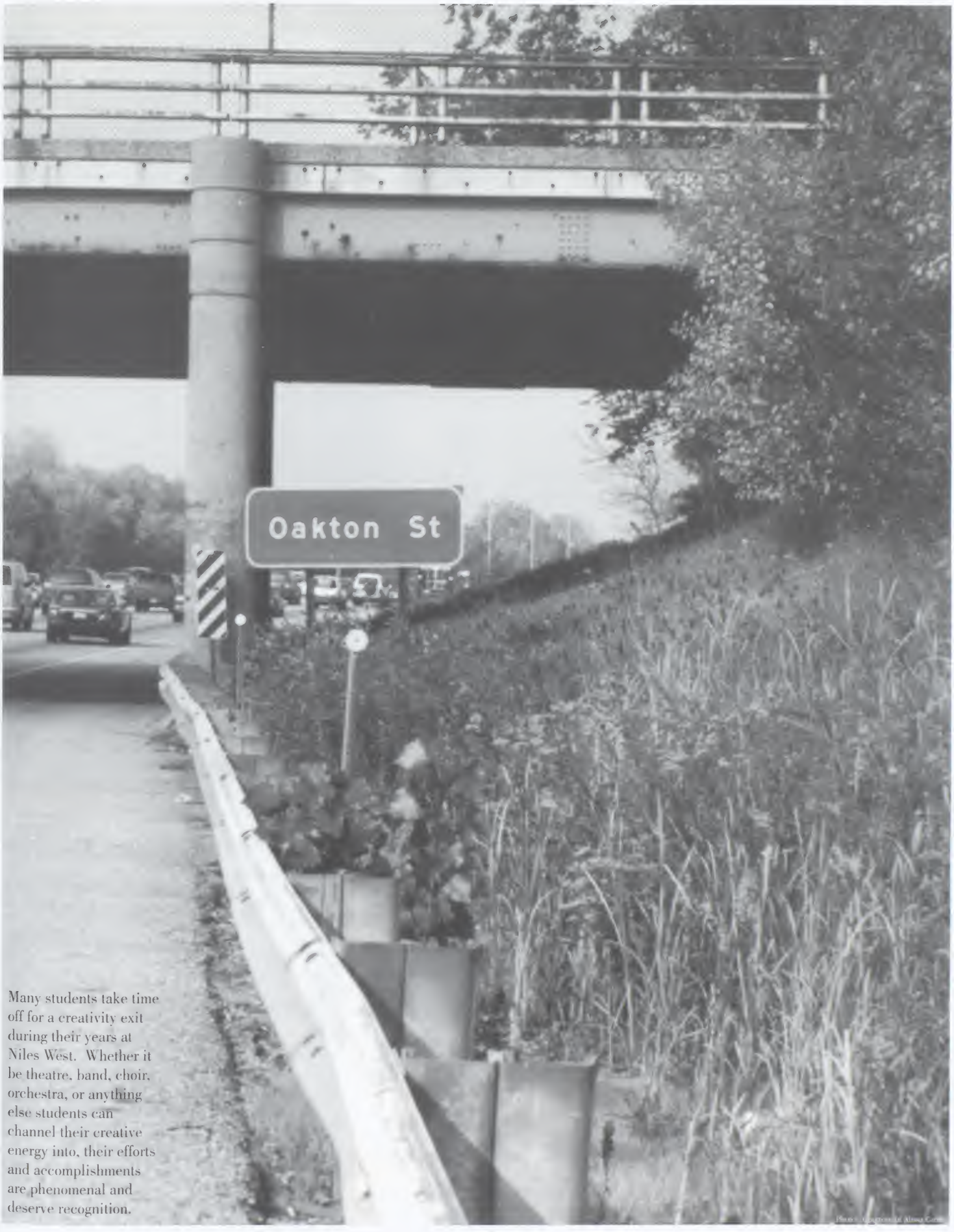
Performing on stage during a choir concert, Blase Villano ('03) and Micheal Budzik ('03) sing their lungs out. Nice tuxes, gentlemen.

Creativity: next exit

Arts

Right: Art teacher Gary Davis assists a student with his ceramics project.

Far Right: Band members practice on stage in the auditorium in preparation for a performance. Musicians must become accustomed to being on stage before a show.



Many students take time off for a creativity exit during their years at Niles West. Whether it be theatre, band, choir, orchestra, or anything else students can channel their creative energy into, their efforts and accomplishments are phenomenal and deserve recognition.

Delicate Hands

After more than thirty years of bringing creativity to the art department, Gary Davis and Judie Miller finally hang up their smocks. Despite the fact that this was their last year, they were able to bring a new class, Art Studio 3D, into the curriculum, the newest class added in the last fifteen years. Another change in the department is that the students are being letter graded now rather than the old pass or fail system, with which both Davis and Miller feel the level of art work has improved. Many students who take art feel that the four mod class is the highlight of their day. "It gives students a chance to unwind from the academic horrors," believes Rachel Parikh ('03). Art allows the students to challenge their minds using creativity and, in the process of making each piece of work, put a little part of themselves in it. Every time Andrew Sutherland ('02) looks at someone else's work he sees "life in another person's eyes." Davis and Miller are extraordinary teachers who taught the fundamental principles of art to many students over the years. Laura Gross ('02) admires them so much she says, "I am going to major in art and hopefully become an art teacher." Jennifer Lada ('01) plans on going into computer animation because she loves the finished work. All the students involved in the department are going to miss these fine teachers next year and think it will be hard to find replacements. --Kejal Patel

Photo: Alex Harris

Is Matthew Arends ('03) looking in a mirror? No, its just a self portrait of himself. The new 3D class offers projects such as this.

Photo: Kejal Patel

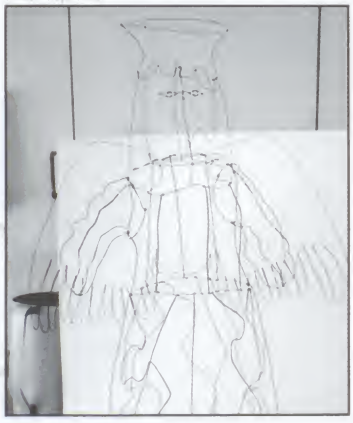


Photo: Alex Harris

Above: There is an angel in the art room. Tina Rodvong ('04) worked hard to construct her masterpiece out of just pliers and wire. Right: Concentrating on her art work, Katherine MacLennan ('01) doesn't even blink.

Photo: Andriana Matanic

ART CLUB: Front: Adam Eng, Margaret Hellum, Anwaar Hussaini, Judie Miller (sponsor), Suzanne Meyerowitz, Marissa Strassberger, Marina Afzal, Kausar Kazi 2nd: Jessica Pravnik, Yagna Pathak Back: Daniel Lee, Umar Hussain, Alan Chang, Ali Quadri, Ray James, Saima Ali, Aimee Toren

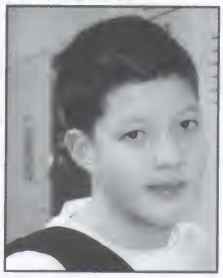
Photo: Keial Patel

Does this look like someone you know? It's Tanya Dudkina ('03) in a graceful pose.

Photo: Keial Patel

Always ready to improve his work, Aaron Bendel ('03) asks Mr. Davis for help. "Mr. Davis is always willing to help and because of his advice, I have become a better artist."

Photo: Andriana Matanic



Adam Eng ('02)
"My schedule doesn't have any room for me to be in an art class, but I like the fact that I can be in Art Club and improve my artistic abilities."

Photo: Andriana Matanic

Margaret Hellum ('02)
"Though I haven't taken any art class before, I like being able to enjoy art through Art Club."

Fashion Sense

Ever gone shopping and then after three hours turn up emptyhanded? Then in frustration scream, "I can never find anything that I like!" If you have this problem you have a good reason to join a fashion class or fashion club. There are two fashion classes where you have the opportunity to display your creative thoughts and ideas in designing your own garments. These garments are then modeled in a fashion show which takes place every year. There is more to fashion then meets the eye. Heather Blond ('01), says that in fashion class they, "learn about the clothing industry, from fibers to the construction, and also about different jobs in the fashion industry. The knowledge is shown by creating garments." Aside from the class, the club participates in activities such as a clothing drives for the homeless. To cure the shopping woes, the answer is fashion! --Kate Miyamoto

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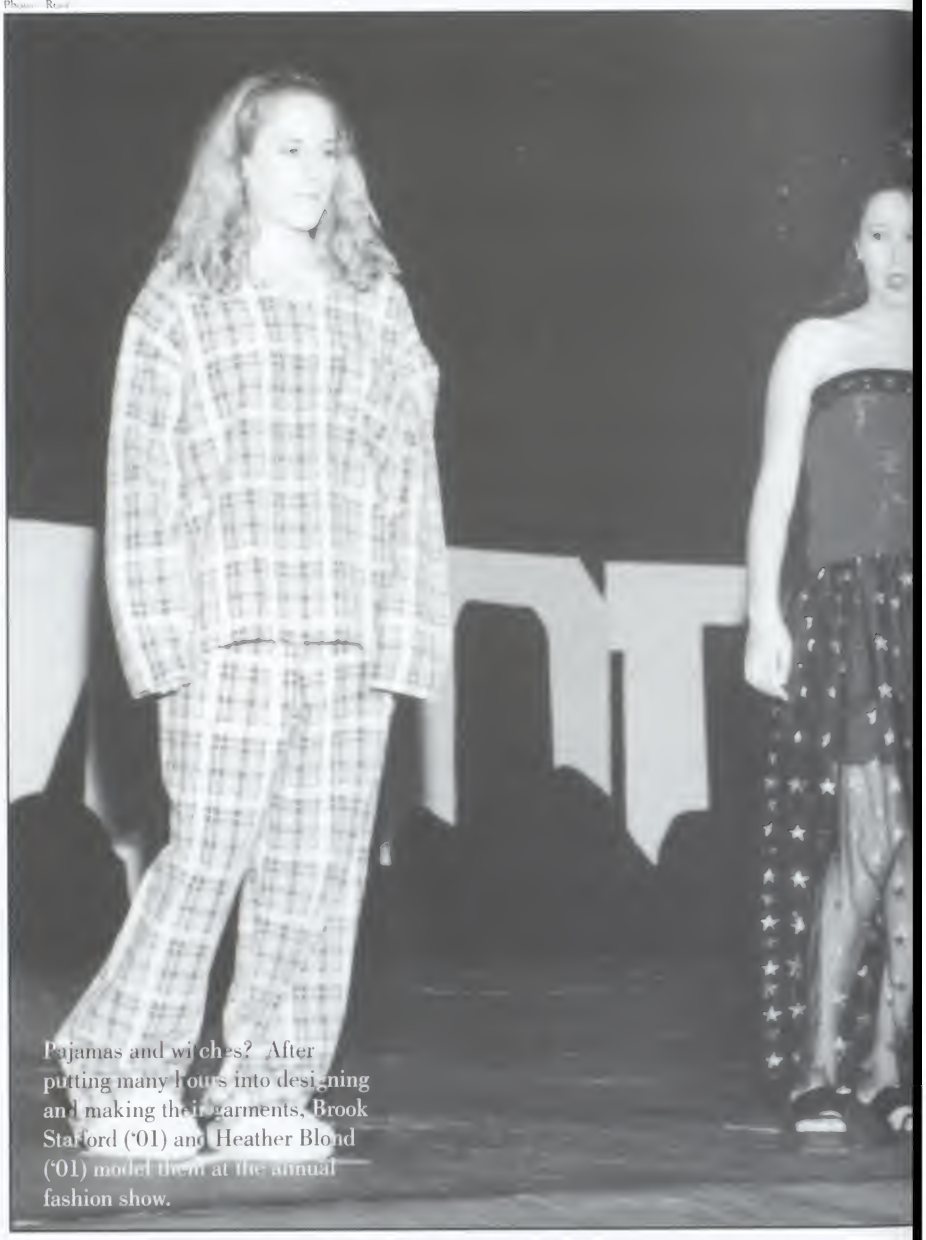

Pajamas and witches? After putting many hours into designing and making their garments, Brook Stanford ('01) and Heather Blond ('01) model them at the annual fashion show.

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Above: I'm a Supermodel! Jacqueline Polikoff ('02) struts her stuff and flashes her smile just like a little Naomi Campbell in the making. Right: Tiger, Tiger burning bright. Marina Povzner ('01) strolls down the runway with confidence as the audience admires her fur coat.

Photo: Angelo Pabalan

FASHION CLUB: Front: Brook Stafford, Heather Blond, Ariella Toren, Ashley Polikoff 2nd: Ilda Ivanovic, Sonia Ataea, David Berkley, Nishi Parikh Back: Jeanne Chiu, Urooj Alam, Lace Franks, Olga Prutnikov, Riki Patel

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Left: Shaquese Carson ('01) is almost finished sewing her project. Designing and sewing is just part of what goes into making an article of clothing.

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Above: YAWN! Amanda Dehne ('03) is dressed in her pajamas and ready for bed (or a walk down the runway).

Photo: Pam Quinn

Heather Blond ('01)

"Being a part of this class was an enjoyable experience. We learned so much about clothing and dressing, and had fun while we did it too."

Photo: Pam Quinn

Brook Stafford ('01)

"Bringing together the elements of art and the excitement of a fast-paced industry, is what makes fashion such an enticing field."

Photo: Pam Quinn

Marina Povzner ('01)

"Fashion taught me to love clothes and opened up my creative side to design absolutely anything I want."

Millennium Movement

A lot of people think of dancing as just fun and easy. Obviously these people have never been to an Orchesis practice. Then they would realize exactly how difficult dancing can be. From ballet to hip-hop, swing dancing to tap, the Niles West Orchesis dance company has it all. Thirty-two dancers were chosen in the fall of 2000 to represent the company in the spring performance of "Millennium Movement." October through March is spent in preparation for the show, with practice three days a week. Though this seems like an easy schedule to deal with, one of the three practices takes place on Saturday from 9 AM until 3 PM. "Many people don't understand the blood, sweat, and tears that go into making our show the best," said Vice President Ben Cases. Treasurer Kristina Govostis agreed, stating, "Many of the dancers were only familiar with one specific form of dance. Orchesis helps to bring out other talents that they didn't even know they had!" Millennium Movement takes place on March 22, 23, and 24 in the Niles West auditorium. Jessica Sotello, Secretary, claims that "this will be the most well-rounded show that Orchesis has put on in a long time."
--Pamela Quinn

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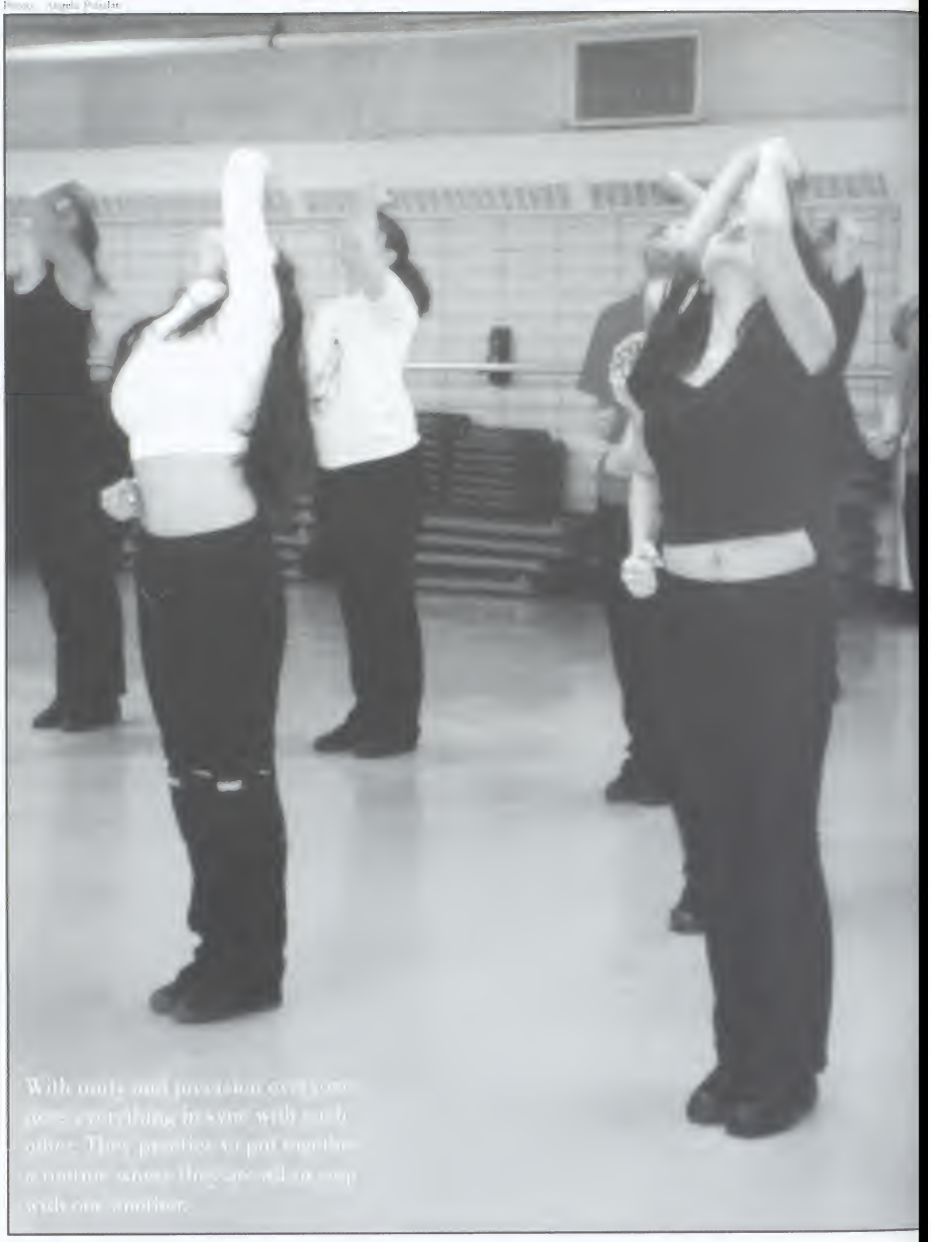

With ease and precision everyone gets everything in sync with each other. They practice to put together a routine where they are all in step with one another.

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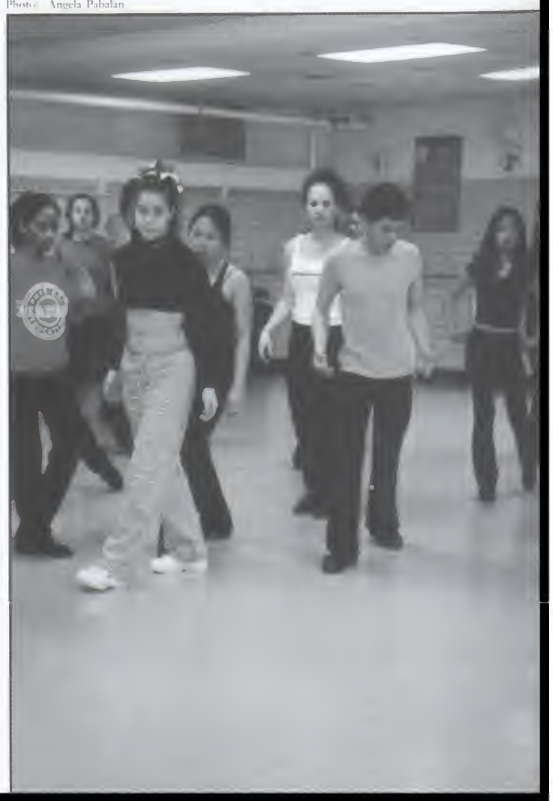


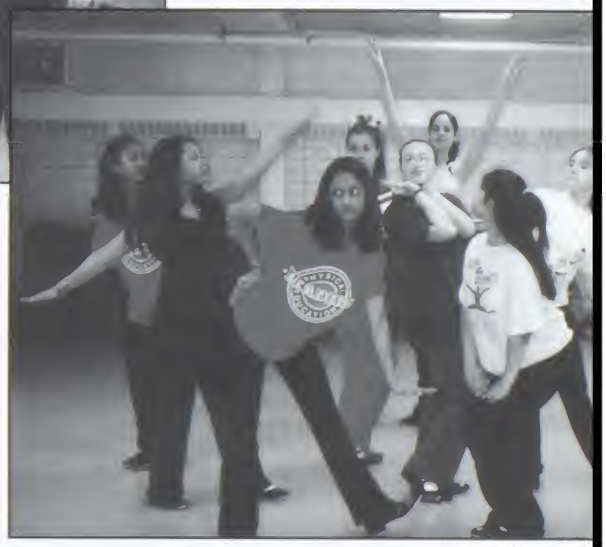
Above: "The company works very hard to learn the dances, and the officers do not rest until the number is perfect. I owe a lot to them, and all that they do," stated Mindy Slutzky, show cordinator. Left: With all eyes focused on Mindy Slutzky, the dance company listens attentively to hear instructions on how to improve their performace.

Photo: Sergey Shkapinskiy

Front: Kristina Govostis, Lolade Akintunde, Sarell Hesser, Benjamin Cases, Sonja Vranjes 2nd: Ariane Garcia, Kathryn Barquez, Christina Martinez, Maria Politis, Tiffany Clarito, Joann Dominguez, Joyce Sia, Pamela Quinn, Leslie Osorio, Samantha Rosati, Laura Phillips Back: Elena Dimoulis, Michelle Brodsky, Elizabeth Walton, Kseniya Chernyavskaya, Agnes Cha, Boyoung Kim, Olga Prutnikov, Julia Pyatetsky, Nicole Kouzoukas, Agatha Kubalski, Naomi Miyake, Jill Vora, Brenda Teruel, Melanie Cuaresma, Monica Castillo, Brandy Clark

Photo: Angela Pabalan

With their canes and tapping shoes on their tap number comes to life with fashionable style.



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Straight out of an ad from Vogue. The Orchesis freezes to pose for a second and to ponder the meaning of life.

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Lolade Akintunde, President ('01)

"Everyone in the company is very dedicated, and it shows at practice. Even when practice is over, you can still find a few of them staying late in the dance studio."

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Sonja Vranjes, Show Coordinator ('01)

"Orchesis has been such a large part of my life for the past three years. Not only will this year's show be great, but the younger members of the company will make the show great for years to come!"

Theater Presents

Have you ever had the dream of being rich, famous, an actor or actress? Freddie Prinze Jr., Sarah Michelle Gellar, take your choice. Many of West Theater Workshop students are on the verge of making it to the top. Whether it is the quietest kid in class or those outgoing "actors," whichever category you fall into, there is still a chance of making it big.

Year after year, the theater program here at West manages to put on productions that take away everybody's breath. The all-star casts give great performances, leaving the audience wanting to see more. This year, the theatre program is privileged to be headed by Kevin Wall. After former theater teacher Robert Johnson retired, Wall enthusiastically took his place. This year, Theater Workshop started out new with fresh talents and different acting techniques. –Blance Evangelista

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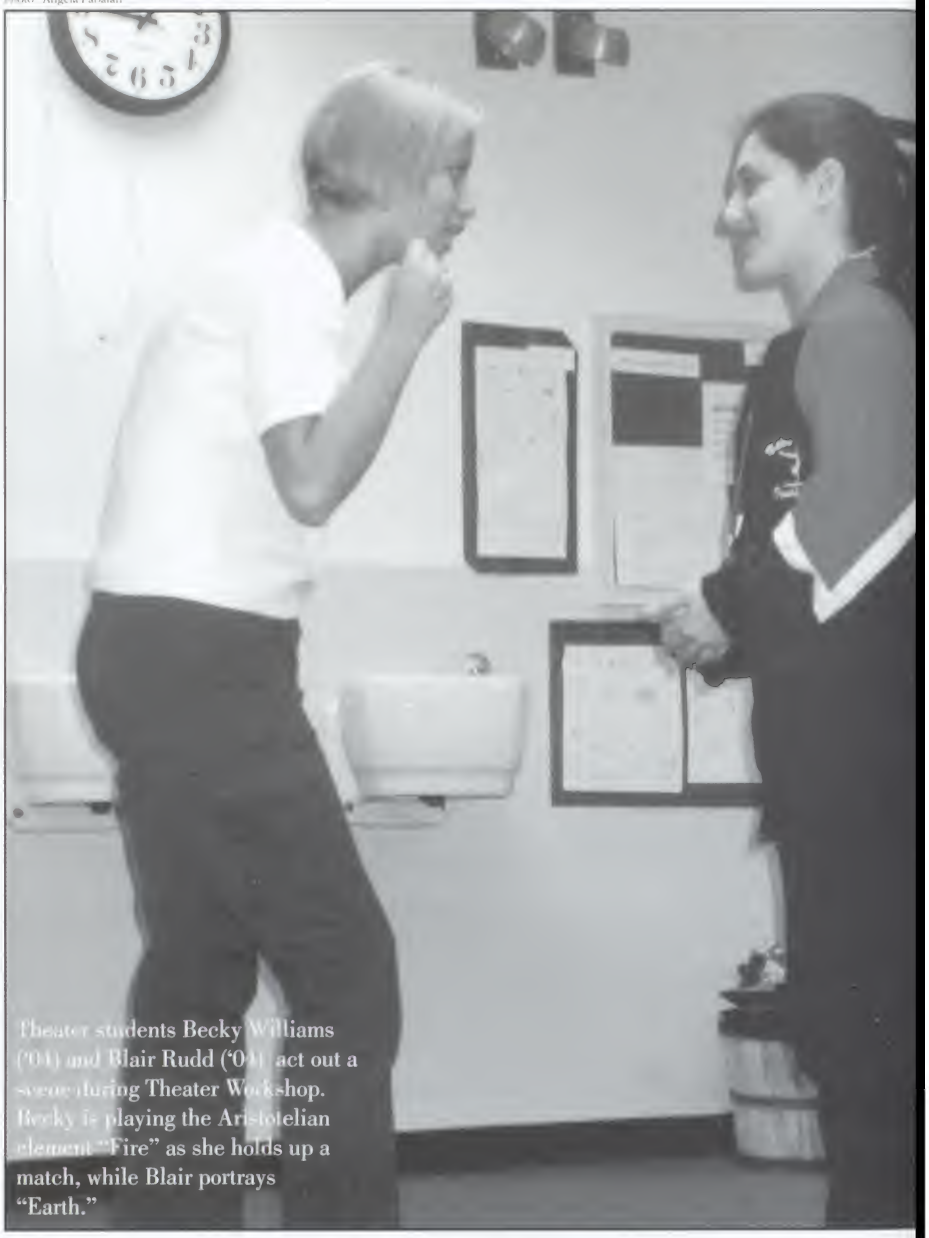

Theater students Becky Williams ('04) and Blair Rudd ('04) act out a scene during Theater Workshop. Becky is playing the Aristotelian element "Fire" as she holds up a match, while Blair portrays "Earth."

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Above: Showing great facial expressions, Ingrid Kocjan ('04) and Laura VanDerBosch ('04) possess the quality of true actresses. Right: As an acting exercise for Theater Workshop, Dvorah Calamaro ('03), Samantha Meron ('04), and Joshua Davis ('02) play "Fire," "Water," and "Earth" respectively.

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Is that allowed in school? Paul Wagner ('04) pretends to smoke as he plays the role of "Fire," while Danny Younan ('01) plays the element of "Water."

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Trying to concentrate, Abigail Reiss ('03) and Alissa Catiis ('02), discuss their skit. In a class improv exercise, students had to come up with dialogue and actions for their skit.

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Acting with no script? Theater students Jennifer Boka ('04) and Fahmida Matani ('04) really get into their characters by improvising during a Theater Workshop exercise.

Photo: Blance Evangelista

Matthew Erlbach ('01)

"I've been a part of Theater for four years because I needed to begin a foundation for a career. The best thing I learned while rehearshing for a play was to look at acting and Theater as more of an art than a career."

Photo: Blance Evangelista

Annie DiMaria ('02)

"I made a lot friends starting from the first day of rehearsal of the first show I did. You have to really let go of the type of person you are if you really want to get into your character. You will do a lot better if you are not self-conscious."

Sweeney Todd

Never have I been more amazed at a Niles West play than I was last Friday night when I saw "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street." In the two years "plus" that I've been at Niles West, I haven't, until two nights ago, actually sat on the edge of my seat during a West production. Maybe I was in a dark mood that night, and the play, because it enhanced my mood, seemed so wonderful, but I'm sure I would have enjoyed it anyway.

The actors (especially Sweeney Todd, played by Matthew Erlbach, with his jerky convulsions) were very convincing. They managed to convey the darkness of the story through good costuming, clever make-up, merciless realistic killings, and all-around, solid acting. Even though I have no other version to compare it to, everybody seemed to be in character the entire time. Sweeney Todd would have these convulsions whenever he got angry, which were scary, bordering on hysterical. I felt that the characters of Miss Lovett, the Judge, and the Beadle also had the quality of being so insane and dark that I wasn't sure at points whether to cry or burst out laughing.

Stage lighting and set construction are also very important elements of any production, and "Sweeney Todd" had very effective techniques in both areas. The lighting was dim and consistently so. I can't remember a scene that took place in sunlight. Beautiful. The dreary English background of dark, sooty buildings played the atmosphere very well.

I saw "Peter Pan" during the summer at West. It was good, but not worth $15 in my opinion. The shock-value of "Sweeney Todd" alone, I think, would be enough to boost this play into $15--worthiness. I found myself not being my usual bored self, but enthralled almost the whole time. Two thumbs up!
--Melissa Motel (Review Contest Winner)

Photo: Root

After falsely being told that his wife is dead, Sweeney Todd (Matthew Erlbach '01) swears to avenge her death. It's ironic that Todd (Lauren Cutlip '02) was actually alive and accidentally killed by Todd.

Photo: Courtesy of Ryan Pollyea

"I think Sweeney Todd was the greatest production I've ever been involved with. It was a success because every aspect of the play was respected in pre-production and after they were completed, each came together with perfection. The only disappointment was that some people believed the tone was too harsh." --Ryan Pollyea ('02)

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The knife awakes from its slumber. Reunited with his deadly weapon, Todd admires his precious razor, which will be used to murder his victims.

Photo: Root

A beadle's job is never done. With a gun in his hand and a defiant glare on his face, the Beadle (Pollyea) questions Todd about a "funny smell" reported by the townspeople.

Photo: Alissa Cattis

Calling all stage crew members! Prepared for another night of work, Annie DiMaria ('02) is ready in black.

Photo: Angie Kang

Matthew Erlbach ('01)

"The actors, actresses, and stage crew acted wonderfully; it was the closest-knit cooperation I've ever had the pleasure of working with."

Photo: Angie Kang

Tommy Stoic ('02)

"My favorite memory of participating in Sweeney Todd was when I died for the first time. They used the blood and it surprised me because it was cold, and dripped all the way down my throat."

Photo: Angie Kang

Joshua Solomon ('03)

"When the play was over, the first thought that entered my mind was, just keep smiling, keep smiling..."

After losing a shaving contest between himself and Sweeney Todd, Alfredo Perrili (Joshua Solomon '03) pays Todd his prize. Todd will secretly be using this money to help him start his barbershop again.

Go go go Joseph

In an all singing, all dancing musical about Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Matthew Erlbach ('01) took the lead as Joseph, the favorite son of Jacob. His jealous brothers plot for Joseph and his prophecies to disappear. After selling Joseph off as a slave and faking his death, his brothers celebrate until famine strikes their home in Canaan. Meanwhile, Joseph goes on a journey where he is seduced by his employee's wife and sent to jail. However, his ability to intepret dreams allows him the opportunity to assist the Pharoah of Egypt, where he later becomes his right hand man. His brothers visit Egypt in need of food and Joseph immediately recognizes them. Indeed, Joseph forgives his brothers for what they have done and the entire family is reunited. Student reaction to the play was fairly consistent. According to Sara Ryan ('02), "The production was done incredibly well. The singing was very lively and the bright costumes and settings added to the overall appearance of Joseph." In this same vein, Joe DiMaria ('01) stated, "It was my favorite production of the drama department of the past four years. The music and sets were great, and Matthew Erlbach ('01) as Joseph was outstanding."
--Lauren Curry

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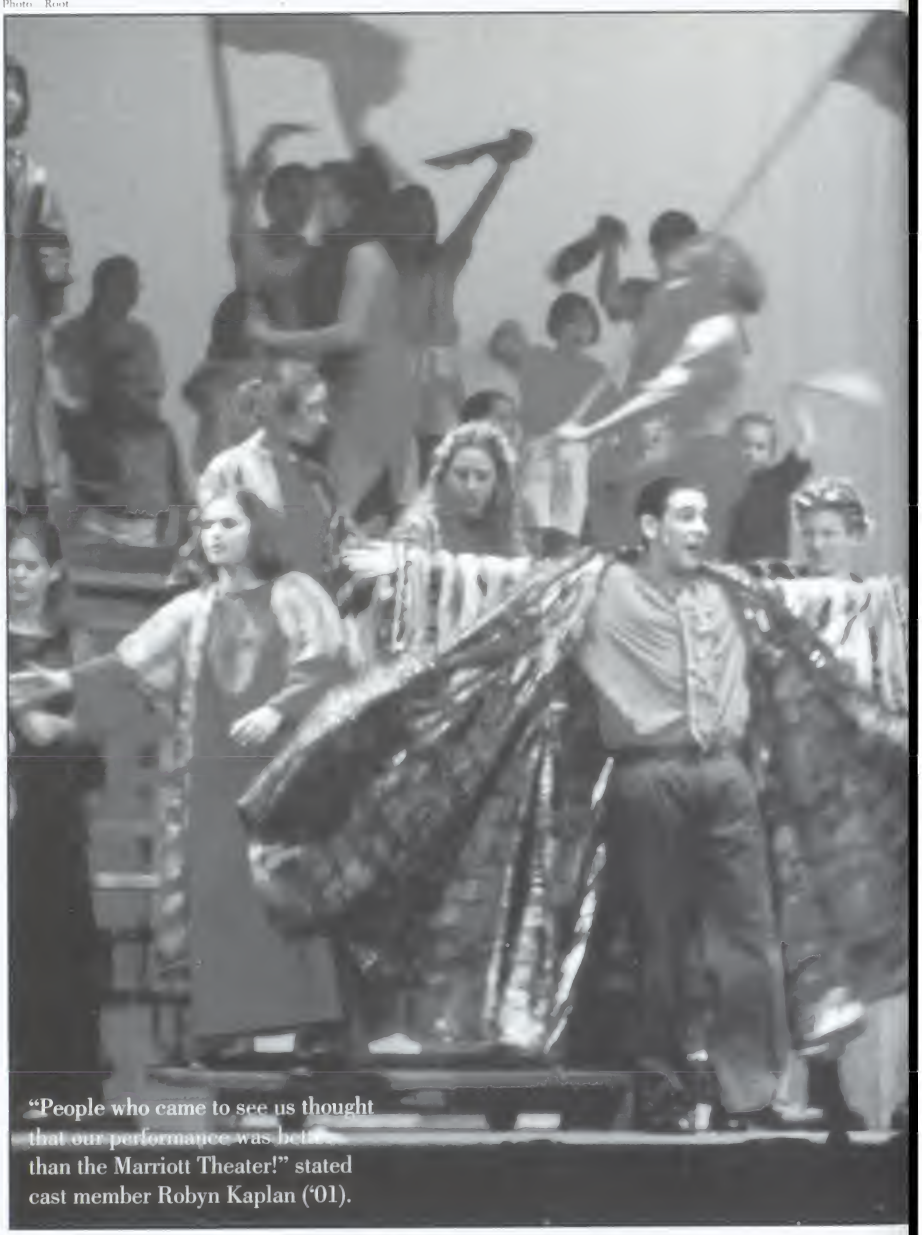

"People who came to see us thought that our performance was better than the Marriott Theater!" stated cast member Robyn Kaplan ('01).

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Above: Matthew Erlbach ('01) demonstrates the heartache and longing of an emotional drama. Right: Longing for their brother, Benjamin, his family cries out for his safe return.

Photo: Root

Belting out in song, Jennifer Stevens ('02), Mallory Portnoy ('03), Steven Nasshan ('01), and Angela Taylor ('01) get into the music. Though it is difficult to sing and dance simultaneously, this cast pulled it off well.

Photo: Root

Left: Pounding feverishly on the ground, Steven Nasshan ('01) and Blase Villano ('03) shout out to the audience. "Of all the plays I've done, I enjoyed this one the most!" Nasshan explained.

Photo: Root

The Joseph finale was one of the brightest and best musical enhanced perfomances on the Niles West stage. "Joseph was an amazing experience mostly for the fact that it was such an ensemble show," stated cast member Dale Mackey ('01).

Photo: Root

Nikita Burdein ('01)

"Joseph was the most enjoyable show that we have done here. It was a true accomplishment and a real challenge having ninety minutes of singing and dancing. The hours that we put into this production were well worth it. Spending about twenty-two hours a week with the same people can really bring a group together, and I believe that many people saw this show as one of the best ones put on the Niles West stage, and as corny as it sounds, I am very proud to have been a part of it."

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Jungal Fever

"Jungalbook involved more work than any production I've previously been in," said Chris Naka ('01) who played Mowgli. Jungalbook, written by Edward Mast, is an adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's popular novel The Jungal Books. Director Kevin Wall elected to present a very stylized production with make-up and costumes symbolic of animals, but not blatantly representing them. In addition, the cast had to focus on extensive movement training, which included tumbling moves and mimicking animals. "My fellow cast members and I had to get into better shape in order to perfect all our tumbling and learn to move like our animals," commented Annie DiMaria ('02) who played Grey the wolf. "The different challenges Jungalbook brought to the table really pushed the cast to deliver a strong product. I only hope the audience appreciated it," added Naka. Edward Paramadilok ('02) saw the final product and said, "The set was beautiful and the acting was great, but the story line was a bit too short for my liking. However, I do understand that it was made for little kids who have small attention spans. If I were a kid, watching this would put me in heaven."

--Angie Kang

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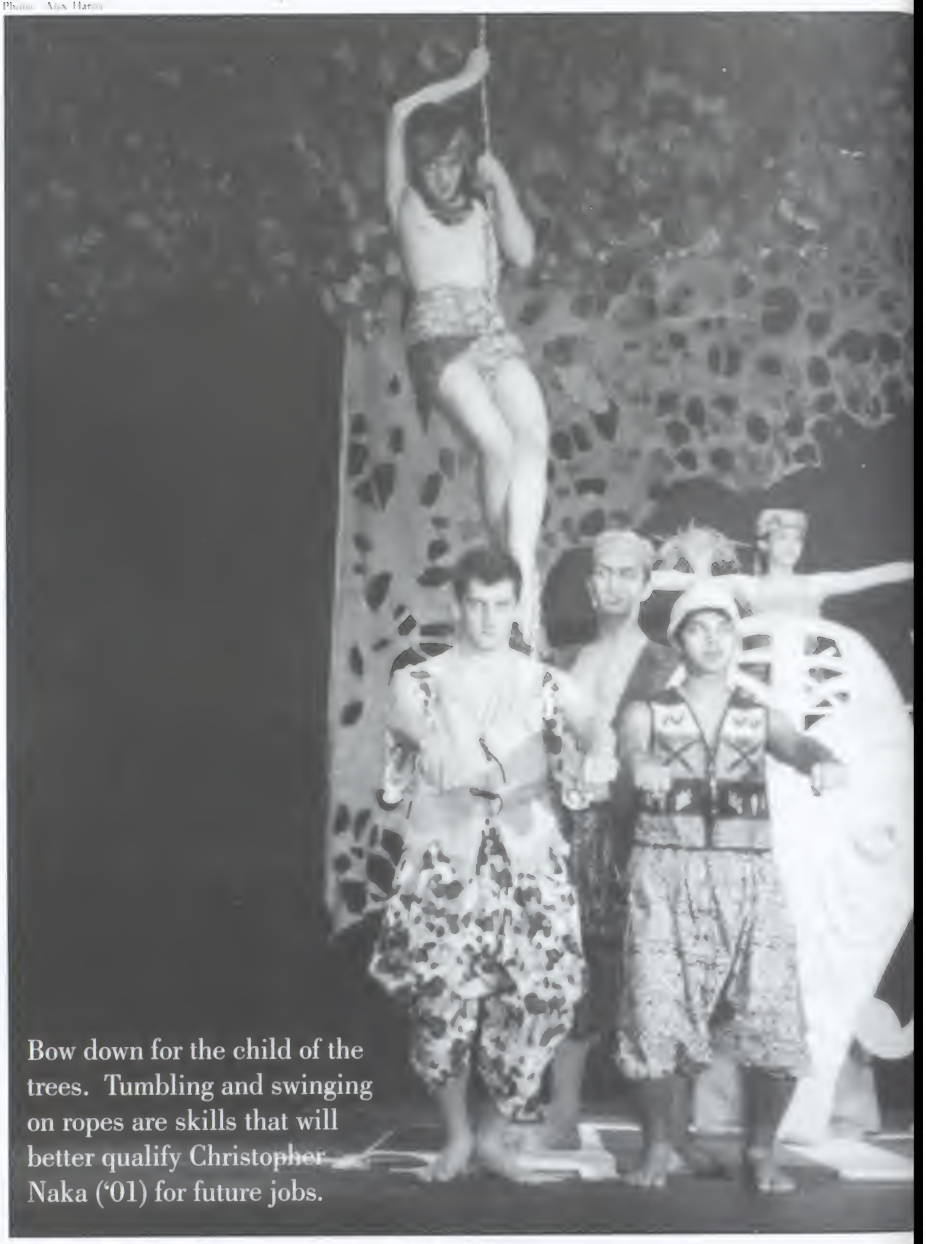

Bow down for the child of the trees. Tumbling and swinging on ropes are skills that will better qualify Christopher Naka ('01) for future jobs.

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Above: Hyena by day, water buffalo by night. Look for Ryan Pollyea ('02), in both hyena and water buffalo form. Right: In order to be an animal, one must do as the animal. The cast unleashes their animal instincts.

Photo: Alex Harris

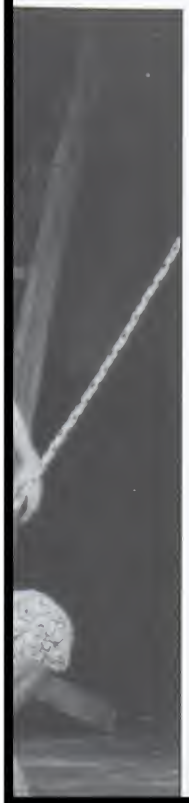
In order to be the ultimate party animal, one must have quick feet like a wolf. For a limited time only, "jungal" boogie with the wolves Grab (Dale Mackey '03), Grey (Annie DiMaria '02), and Akela (Sarah Borucki '02).

Photo: Rose

Every man for himself doesn't apply in this "jungal." Protecting his fellow animals, Mowgli throws off the humans attacking an elephant.

Photo: Rose

One must love his parents. Offering helpful advice is one of the ways Baloo (Matthew Erlbach '01) acted like a mother to Mowgli.



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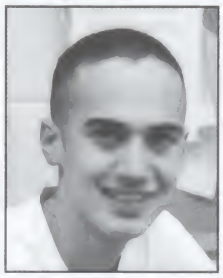

Christopher Naka ('01)

"What made this play different from others is the amount of physical-movement-based work in the show. Rehearsals were brutal."

Photo: Beeta Azarmoosh

Mallory Portnoy ('03)

"I was really scared when I broke my foot. I didn't know what was going to happen with my broken foot and whether or not I would be allowed to participate in the play. The play was interesting because I was never in a production where I had a broken foot before."

What We Did For Love

"I think I'm in love with you Maria," said Kyle Reeves (David Miller). Little does he know that the girl he is talking to is really Olivia Bland (Diana Stoic), the shy and sensitive girl with a huge crush on him. May 11, 12, and 13th proved nothing but successful for the student produced production "What We Did For Love." The storyline features Olivia Bland and her infatuation with Kyle. In order to get his attention, she creates an alternate identity for herself, as Maria Scott; however, complications soon arise. The attention that Maria is getting from Kyle makes it all worth while! Just when everything is going the way she wants, her plan backfires. With all the complications that she is facing, Olivia is relieved to have her best friend, Annabelle Cannon (Gretchen Villaluna), by her side. As if having two identities was not hard enough, Jenny (Sarah Borucki) adds to her problems by trying to reveal Olivia's true identity. She begins to realize that Kyle, her "boyfriend," is falling head over heels for Maria. In a jealous rage, Jenny tries to ruin Maria's life by trying to expose her true identity. When Kyle finally finds out, he is shocked, yet he knows that he has fallen for the right girl! --Tiffany Yu

Photo: Root

Aspiring actresses Karen Olsen ('01) and Diana Stoic ('00) show off their acting skills in "What We Did For Love." Maria/Olivia (Stoic) tells her mom (Olsen) about her date.

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Above: Nerd Simon (Joshua Solomon), shares a dance with Annabelle Cannon (Villaluna). Simon, with the heart of gold, is in love with Annabelle. Right: Gossip Gossip!!! Dance attendees Mark Guevarra ('01), Erin Perzov ('00), and Joyce Ko ('03) share a secret about Maria's true identity.

Photo: Root

Eager students at the dance lean in to ascertain what just transpired. A clique of girls wonder who "Maria" really is. Maria is the new attractive girl in school and their new competition.

Photo: Root

Dance attendees Annie DiMaria ('02), Gretchen Villaluna ('00), Navery Eap ('00), and Sarah Klein ('01) dance to the song "I'm Not At All In Love."

Photo: Root

Olivia becomes Maria to get a date with Kyle (Miller), the man of her dreams. Like a lot of dates, they start out their date with dinner.

Photo: Tiffany Yu

Joyce Ko ('03)

"It was an awesome experience to share time with other people who had theater experience the previous year."

Photo: Tiffany Yu

Mark Guevarra ('01)

"It was a very exhilarating experience, meeting many people and learning the true meaning of team work. From a month of practice it turned out to be a two hour show of magnificence and magic."

Photo: Tiffany Yu

Nikita Burdein ('01)

"Being a part of a completely student produced musical is the most amazing theatrical experience you could have. Working with and learning from your peers is very educational and fun!"

In Perfect Harmony

The bell rings and students file into the band room. Some begin to put their instruments together, and others have already begun practicing their music. Soon William Koch has everyone's attention and begins to give his daily inspirational speech. Sabrina Ehmke's ('01) favorite saying is, "Be at the right place, at the right time, with the right equipment and the right attitude." Then practice begins, but band isn't just all work and no fun.

Brian Melamed ('03) describes band as "more than a class." The most memorable moments the band shares are at performances or when they go on trips. This year included trips to the Mall of America and the televised Jingle Elf Parade. Also, they have several performances during the school year, which showcase a variety of music. Karen Olsen ('01) appreciates the different performing opportunities available to the band, because "they provide chances for us to bond and to be part of unique events."

Koch is proud to say all the students in band "are overachievers." The students put in a lot of their personal free time to help at many community services, such as shopping malls and sporting events. "Without these overachievers, we could not take care of our school or our community," concludes Koch. --Kejal Patel

Photo: Ashlee Christian

Before band starts, Sara Ahsanullah ('01) practices on the drums. "My favorite part about band is making sound that expresses me," Ahsanullah comments.

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Above: Eyes focused on her music, Amy Gullen ('01) plays the flute. The band diligently follows the old saying "practice makes perfect." Right: Carefully placing his reed on his clarinet, William Del Genio ('01) prepares for band class. Playing requires a lot of patience and concentration.

Photo: Root

SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE: Front: Paul Hahn, Steven Miszczyszyn, James Koob, Christina Puzzo, Stefan Staev, Saif Ahsanullah, Ryan Goyal 2nd: Jessica Kreusch, Sharon Wolf, Tracey Current, Amy Gullen, Jamal Salem, Sabrina Ehmke, Leonore Pagsanjan, Aneta Czarnota, Sung Mi Kim 3rd: Hannah Sherry, Kathy Lee, Ashleigh Bushman, Jennifer King, Melissa Motel, Kelly Zehner, Jenna Kaferly, Lisa Kunnacherril, Vidhi Raval, William Del Genio, Natalie Senatore, Bogumila Krolczyk, Kary Zarate, Elizabeth Leisner 4th: Jason Grover, Carolyn Aler, Michael Lehrer, Daniel Lee, Eduardo Mainza, Edward Paramadilok, Cory Nelson, James Bartholomew, Andrew Kim, David Perzov Back: Daniel Dem Adam Rosenthal, John Schutt, Johnathan Glassner, Brian Kucha, Jason Schwenk, Todd Kane, Robyn Kaplan, Mike Hua, Karen Olsen, Robert Yavitch, Kohtaro Ooka

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SYMPHONIC BAND: Front: Shelly Abraham, Megan Burns, Jennifer Lee, Melanie Espiritu, Tiffany Kim, Milena Nitti, Joanne Kim, Joan Ahn, Kristin Guiang, Alexandra Corcoran, Jamie Willis 2nd: Eileen Ouska, Mitchell Kato, Emily Scheler, Karen Benatatos, Ak Paramadilok, Wendi Christensen, Anna Choi, Young Ji Yoon, Alex Meng, Kristopher Ahrens, David Van Roeyen-Warda 3rd: Yaasir Ansari, Edward Choe, Brian Melamed, Rebecca Zavelovich, Hannah Rutzen, Alisa Kusolvisitkul, Andrew Jatico, Rick Costabile, Lisa Miszczyszyn, Alex Meng, David Dorband, Scott Peters Back: Bill Toliopoulos, Brian Hong Sebastian Danilowski, Lorraine Ishida, Kate Edelson, Anthony Vigneri, James Drachenberg, Rajan Shah, Aliya Daghestani, Robert Krolczyk, Alex Buc, Aaron Kahn, Eric Shine

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CONCERT BAND: Front: Christina Ahn, Yoo Na Park, Beth Gelfand, Benjamin Grover, Vanessa Jeske, Sadaf Khan, Monique Murphy 2nd: Elmer Ladlad, Jimmy Varghese, Sam Berkman, Bowen Chow, Jorie Glassner, Joseph Alvaz, Lauren Silverman, Karlene Gordula, Sarah Sherry, Jason Ang, Jonathan Chin, Emily Saltz 3rd: Young Chang Anastasia Romaschnko, Brandon Siena, Robert Filip, Alex Tejeda, Adrian Loverza, Jenny Nejad, Lauren Perzov, Eric Courtney, Joshua Manego, Adrian Briones, Nick Tarzian, Alex Georgievski, Raymond Shlimon Back: Jarrett Room, Julia Varsamis, Cindy Wisniewski, Patrick Dogiakos, Sabbir Ahsanullah, Jodi Kane, Stephanie Persaud, David Terdich, Steve Kang, Peter Ellyin, Nik Emerson, Erick Song, Paul Agignoae, Marissa Strassberger

Photo: Alex Harris

BAND BOARD: Front: Leonore Pagsanjan, Jessica Kreusch, Kary Zarate. Back: Cory Nelson, Michael Lehrer, Anthony Vargas, James Koob.

Marching Band

Whoever thought about the band being a sport? Whoever thought about the hours upon hours the band spends to prepare for their half time show? Not only does every member exemplify school spirit as they play into the night every Friday evening, but also passion and dedication by doing their best at the competitions.

Reminiscing On An Unforgettable Competitive Season:

"To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, and to be late is unacceptable;" "Get your music out of your head, and your head into the music:" "Without passion-why bother?" "Boola Boola We Got The Groove!" "Is this a line?! No!! Make it a line!!" "line, middle, lock, lock" "NA, NA, NANA, NA, NA" (insert hand motion here); calling Mrs. Spreitzer 'Mom' by accident; long bus rides; black socks; pretty lockers; Monday, Wednesday, and Friday practices; Camp Wonderland; section leaders; and buffets.

For The Record

Lake Park	Good
Wheeling	Good
Prospect	Good
DeKalb	Excellent

Photo: Courtesy of Jessica Kreusch

Everyone needs a proper warm up. The Marching Band (MB) plays a quick scale before marching to the football stadium.

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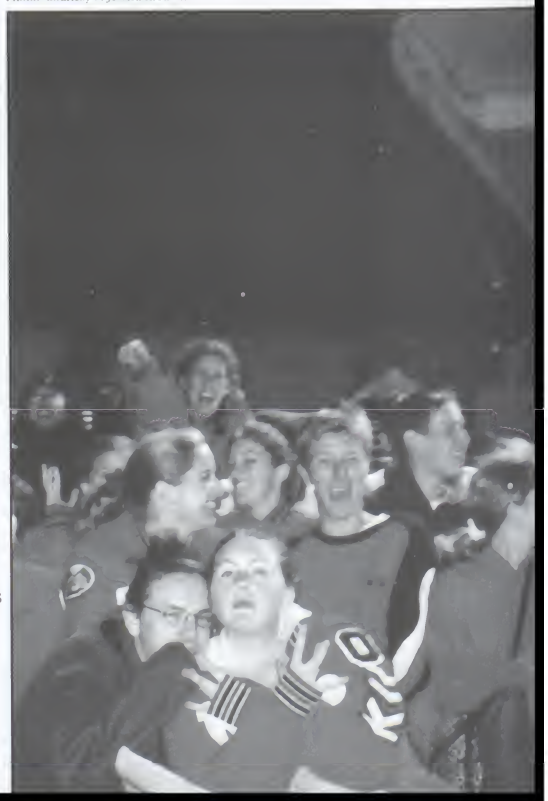

Above: MB is often heard playing tunes as one walks in the gym on the day of a pep assembly. Daniel Lee ('01) focuses his attention on the drum major to make sure he does not miss a beat. Right: A clump of red jackets is caught having a good time in the stands. The best part of being in MB is to simply spend time with your friends.

Photo: Courtesy of Anna Slonim

Front: Daniel Rosenthal, Alex Buc, Daniel Lee, Scott Peters, Aaron Kahn, James Koob, Steven Miszczyszyn 2nd: Eric Shine, Kristopher Ahrens, Kelly Keller, Melissa Earle, Alison Lueder, Anna Slonim, Renee Krolczyk, Megan Burns, Leonore Pagsanjan, Kary Zarate, Tracey Current, Amy Gullen, Carolyn Chermel, Jennifer Casey, Alejandra Rosas, Erin Smolinski, Sabrina Ehmke, Paul Hahn 3rd: Mrs. Kathryn Spreitzer, Benjamin Grover, Steven Nasshan, Jenna Kaferly, Ashleigh Bushman, Kelly Zehner, Brian Melamed, Hannah Rutzen, Karen Benatatos, Susan Heilig, Monique Murphy, Jorie Glassner, Karlene Gordula, Lauren Silverman, Cindy Wisniewski, Joseph Aivaz, Ilana Lemberger 4th: Sarah Thomas, Stefan Staev, Aneta Czarnota, Rick Costabile, Lisa Miszczyszyn, BG Krolczyk, Michael Lehrer, Joshua Manego, Jenny Nejad, Tim Kreusch, Jessica Kreusch, Andrew Kim, Mitchell Kato, Kyle Gerstner, Jamal Salem, Emily Saltz 5th: Saif Ahsanullah, Shelly Abraham, Alex Meng, Robyn Kaplan, Erick Song, Nik Emerson, Aliya Daghestani, Rajan Shah, James Drachenberg, Anthony Vigneri, Mike Hua, David Terdich, Sabbir Ahsanullah, Robert Yavitch, Jamie Willis, Eduardo Mainza Top: Mr. Koch, Hannah Rutzen, Natalie Senatore, Elizabeth Leisner, Cory Nelson, Stacie Romaschenko, Yaasir Ansari, Patrick Dogiakos, Adam Rosenthal, TJ Moran, Daniel Dem, Sebastian Danilowski, Jason Schwenk, Jarrett Room, Beth Gelfand, Sarah Sherry Not Pictured: Karen Olsen, Kate Edelson, Hannah Sherry, West Current

Photo: Courtesy of Anna Slonim

Left: Tapping is heard in downtown Skokie as the band marches on. The MB marched in both the Skokie and Morton Grove parades on the 4th of July. Below: No band member will forget the splendid five days spent at Camp Wonderland. Seven seniors enjoy the fresh air and pleasant sun before returning to the field to learn drill.

Photo: Courtesy of Sabrina Ehmke

Photo: Courtesy of Anna Slonim

Kary Zarate ('02)

"Marching Band takes a lot of time and effort, but being competitive is definitely worth it. With responsibility comes fun."

Photo: Courtesy of Jessica Kreusch

Jessica Kreusch ('01)

"At band camp we were able to learn our entire show, but more importantly it was a chance for us to bond as a band."

Color Guard Most Memorable Moments

Sabrina-- "The September 28th football game was the first time I felt very proud and honored to be on guard. I knew then why I had stayed with it for four years."
Anna-- "When Gen came back to visit, I realized that it was really my last year on guard. I felt grateful that I have been on guard for so long (four years)."
Kelly-- "When I smacked myself on the head on our first performance."
Alison-- "When I made my shirt on the bus ride to the first competition."
Melissa-- "Changing and seeing half-naked people on the bus."
Renee-- "Hey Jen--Japan or China?"
Erin-- "Band Camp."
Jen-- "Hitting the cabin walls at band camp over and over practicing backscratchers."
Carolyn-- "When I stole Renee's flag because I thought it was mine!"
Alejandra-- "When I was so happy, I actually did the whole routine."
Tricia-- "When Carolyn decorated Barbie on the bus ride to the first competition."

Behind the Music

Most people do not realize that Band has many components; some are curricular yet others are extra curricular. Band classes meet during the day, perform four concerts per year that are open to the public, and one student assembly. Many students take private lessons outside of the school day. Some of these same students make it into the Illinois Educators District Bands and District Orchestra. Then there are the students who participate in the community service organizations, such as the Marching Band, Jazz Band, and the Pop n' Rock ensemble. The community service groups perform for the school and community at assemblies, sporting events, shopping malls, parades, store openings or any time we get a request for music. Some students are elected by their peers to help with running the band organizations. They meet with me once per week and each have assigned duties. Other students are selected as section leaders. I constantly receive requests for students to receive recognition for "You Made a Difference" and the Board of Education Recognition awards, yet I do not recognize anyone. Why? Because where would I stop? The band program is loaded with overachievers.

I have never been prouder than to be part of a sold-out audience at the World Music Theater in Tinley Park, Illinois when the curtain went up and Todd Suherman, a 1987 graduate of Niles West, was sitting behind the drum set performing with the rock band, "Styx." Music performance is really not about winning trophies, it's about setting goals and striving to do your best. Music is a very subjective art form and judges have their own personal opinions. These students are willing to lay it on the line and develop a work ethic that involves constant improvement; I feel we are making winners out of all of them.

--Bill Koch, Band Director

Photo: Angela Paladin

Take the time to relax with some great music at a Jazz Band rehearsal. "Last year the Jazz Band won our class at the Illinois State Jazz Band competition. They have been the only competitive unit from the music department over the last couple of years," stated Band Director Bill Koch.

Photo: Root

Photo: Courtesy of Katherine Spreitzer

Above: "I developed my musical skills faster than my friends and often found myself showing them how to do things. That ability to help my friends improve their skills has turned into a profession," says Koch. Right: Kary Zarate ('02) and Elizabeth Leisner ('02) spend their evening at Pop n' Rock rehearsal.

Photo: Courtesy of Bill Koch

JAZZ BAND: Front: Cory Nelson, David Perzov, Andrew Kim,7 James Bartholomew, Michael Lehrer 2nd: Bill Koch (sponsor), Jason Schwenk, Mike Hua, Sebastian Danilowski, Todd Kane, Christina Puzzo Back: Kristopher Ahrens, Steven Miszczyszyn, Robert Yavitch, Karen Olsen, Kohtaro Ooka, Alex Meng, Hannah Sherry

Photo: Courtesy of Katherine Spreitzer

POP N' ROCK: Karen Benetatos, Susan Heilig, Lauren Silverman, Anastasia Romaschenko, Karlene Gordula, Beth Gelfand, Amy Gullen 2nd: Hana Lemberger, Robyn Kaplan, Karen Olsen, Kelly Zehner, Cindy Wisniewski, Kary Zarate, Jessica Kreusch, Timmy Kreusch, Jenny Nejad 3rd: Nik Emerson, Ashleigh Bushman, Elizabeth Leisner, David Terdich, Lisa Miszczyszyn, Rick Costabile, Katherine Spreitzer (sponsor) 4th: Kyle Gerstner Back: Danny Rosenthal, Michael Olsen, Paul Hahn, Aaron Kahn, Sarah Sherry

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Natalie Senatore ('01)

"Pop 'N Rock is a very fun group that gives kids a chance to learn to play certain instruments they normally wouldn't play in regular band."

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Andy Kim ('02)

"In Jazz Band we practice and perform at contests. The best part of Jazz Band is performing and knowing you did well. It (playing) feeds your competitive nature.

Photo: Root

Cory Nelson ('02)

"I like playing that kind of music and I enjoy the competitions and trips I take with my friends. It's fun to play jazz."

"I am very fortunate to be in a school that has allowed me to travel across our country performing at some of our nation's most prestigious events. These events include the Indianapolis 500 Parade, Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade, Hollywood Christmas Parade, Marshall Field's Jingle Elf Parade, and marching down Main Street USA at Disney's Magic Music Days. We have toured 11 cities in my 18 years at Niles West," explains Koch. Sounding fantastic is what motivates Christina Puzzo ('02), Kristopher Ahrens ('03), and Steven Miszczyszyn ('01) to practice.

Bang Bang You're Dead

Bang Bang You're Dead by William Mastrosimone is a fictional account of a 15-year old boy Josh who has shot and killed his mother and father at home and five classmates in the high school cafeteria. The five students who Josh killed "visit" him while he is alone in jail. The students aren't ghosts but figments of Josh's imagination created to torment his mind and vividly expressing his own memories and emotions. The images of these students harass and ridicule Josh demanding to know the reason why Josh decided to make them his victims. Josh is eventually confronted by school officials and police, tried in a courtroom and sentenced to a "life without possibility" (of anything good), and lastly comes face-to-face with his parents. In the end he must learn to deal with the consequences of his actions without having anyone to put the blame on. Josh can't go back in time and undo the wrong he has done. This is Josh's reality, the rest of his life, and his forever. (Text and names were taken directly from the program)

Josh	Steven Wilt
Michael	Steven Nasshan
Katie	Margaret Hellum
Matt	Kyle Gerstner
Jessie	Kary Zarate
Emily	Sabrina Ehmke
Actor 1/Josh's Dad	David Terdich
Actor 2/Judge/Rumor	Erin Sutera
Actor 3/Josh's Mom	Valerie Geer
Actor 4/Defender/Rumor	Jeanne Chiu
Actor 5/Witness/Rumor	Alicia Alam
Actor 6/Prosecutor/Rumor	Pauline Miliotis
Actor 7/Psychotherapist	Natalie Senatore
Actor 8/Principal	Annie Spiro
Actor 9/Jury/Rumor	Nancy Sherman
Actor 10/Cop/Rumor	Andriana Matanic
Assistant Director/Drummer	Olga Prutnikov

Directed By: Steven Nasshan
Sponsor: Dana Kanwischer

Photos: Sergey Shlyapintokh

Immediately following the play was a discussion session. The cast recollects their feelings and emotions to talk about how the play influenced them.

Photos: Sergey Shlyapintokh

"I'm truly amazed and so proud of the cast. I love the feelings of people telling me they saw the play and it changed their view on school violence," stated Valerie Geer '02). Right: Members of the cast, David Terdich ('04) and Margaret Hellum ('02) lead the audience in a discussion about the play after the performance.

Photos: Sergey Shlyapintokh

Photo: Courtesy of Sabrina Ehmke

ORIGINAL CAST: Front: Steven Nasshan, Margaret Hellum, Steven Wilt, Sabrina Ehmke, Kary Zarate, Kyle Gerstner Back: Pauline Miliotis, Olga Prutnikov, Nancy Sherman, Alicia Alam, Erin Sutera, Natalie Senatore, Andriana Matanic, Valerie Geer, David Terdich. Not Pictured: Jeanne Chiu, Anne Spiro

Photo: Sergey Shlyapintokh

Members of the cast pose for a picture during their break. According to Valerie Geer ('01), "We bonded and put together an amaing performance."

Photo: Sergey Shlyapintokh

Lying on the floor is Sabrina Ehmke ('01), one of Josh's last victims. Images of his victims tormented Josh throughout and to the end of the play.

Photo: Sergey Shlyapintokh

Steve Nasshan ('01) (Director/Michael) "I think that the positive reaction we got was one hundred times greater than I had ever imagined. We touched a lot of people and I really feel like the kids who have been killed in school shootings would be proud of us. I saw the play last year at Maine South and I wanted to direct it here at Niles West, so I did."

Singing Their Hearts Out

New York is the place to be this year for Choir members. This trip was a great opportunity for students to get to know more people from other choir groups. This experience gave them the chance to learn about the differences among choirs.

"This year, Choir decided to go to New York for two main reasons, musical and cultural," said Director Paula Bachman. The Choir sang in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the largest cathedral in the United States. They also took tours at the Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. These are only some of the many places and things that the Choir group did on this trip.

"It's a fun experience to be in Choir because you meet great musicians and go to fun places like New York," said T.J. Moran ('01) a Choir member for three years. Many of the Choir members were psyched to go on this trip, not only because of missing school days, but also because they had fun and hung out with friends of the same interests. --Tiffany Yu

Photo: Root

Respect has been a predominant theme at Niles West for three years now. Master Singers kicks off the Respect Assembly by singing the Star Spangled Banner.

Photo: Root

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Above: What kind of musical talents are in Choir? Katarzyna Undas ('01) sings a solo, "O Sifuni Mungu," for the 2000 Fall Choir concert. Left: How gutsy are you? Super gutsy Wendy Barrios ('01) sings a solo for parents, teachers, and fellow student in the 2000 Fall Choir Concert.

Photo: Chris Naka

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MASTER SINGERS: Front: Shaun Kimura, Katarzyna Undas, Susan Kraus, KateEdelson, Jennifer Stevens, Robyn Kaplan, Sarah Borucki, Christine Gloriosa, Alyce Horowitz, Jessie Moskowitz, Sarah Klein 2nd: Tommy Stoic, Venus Delarmente, Maya Schenwar, Chayil Wiedeman, Stephanie Johnson, Ilana Lemberger, Renee Dinges, Natalie Bartl, Victoria Quillen, Leonore Pagsanjan, Margaret Hellum, Jennifer Lada Back: Joshua Davis, Eric Wattenbarger, Joshua Solomon, Matthew Erlbach, Ben Ritter, Christopher Kimura, Nikita Burdein, Ashley Vargas, James Brame, Lenny Hong, Edward Park, T.J. Moran, David Paek, Sean Bieschke, Gene Park Not Pictured: Wendy Barrios, James Bartholomew, Joseph DiMaria, Rabia Ghazi, Mark Guevarra, Jenna Kaferly, Jennifer Son, Charles Williams, Elisa Winter

CHAMBER CHOIR: Front: Stephanie Stilling, Ellinore Marquez, Shoba Gowda, Milena Nitti, Young Ji Yoon, Emily Maggi, Ariane Garcia, Lauren Cutlip, Brenda Teruel, Monica Dabul, Michelle Brodsky 2nd: Jenny Jensen, Brooke Haro, Veronika Goldberg, Anna Choi, Catherine Kowalczyk, Jenny Ahn, Katherine Crowley, Nida Shakir, Dale Mackey, Karen Benetatos Back: Janne Varghese, Sahar Rahim, Kellien Conklin, Katherine Stachowicz, Tiffany Shu, Joyce Ko, Lindsay Thieleman, Maria Politis, Mallory Portnoy, Emily Scheler Not Pictured: Vanessa Barrios, Alison Lueder, Alyssa Putigna, Anna Chang, Christine Kim

CONCERT CHOIR: Front: Katie Kriticos, Amisha Patel, Kimberly Widdes, Craig Sadur, Jason Spitzer, Sharon Chang, Melanie Davis, Nicole Pestano, Urooj Alam 2nd: Jacquelyn Hernandez, Esther Aessa, Nicholas Mazur, Jacob Chacko, Jarrett Room, Erik Granlud, Lisa Yee, Eunice An, Margaret Wattenbarger, Renee Krolczyk, Samantha Meron 3rd: Kathleen Andrews, Olga Prutnikov, Alina Mazurenko, Michelle Roberts, Suzanne Ryan, Debra Borkenhagen, Lauren McLaughlin, Shannon Karra, Jennifer Casey, Anastasia Romaschenko, Ashley Ng Back: Kyla Imber, Lindsay Handler, Melanie Murray, Heather Welch, Allison Putt, Kelly Keller, Steven Dogiakos, Scott Stevens, Diego Colon, Michael Berger, Susan Nowak, Melissa Barker Not Pictured: Emalyne Astudillo, Joseph Cabrera, Karina Galarza, Chelsea Mathis, Michelle Siroko, Laura Spiro, Pauline Miliotis

CHORALIERS: Front: Kristina Roman, Nicole Amsberry, Cynthia Delgado, Yagna Pathak, Erin Donnelly, Dena Guminiak, Alexandra Quillen, Christine Moran, Isak Goldman 2nd: Sarah Rodeghero, Renee Vassiliou, Vicki Jimenez, Tana Topircean, Heather Benson, Nicolette Pajda, Joan Kim, Misako Rivera, Cezar Leynes, Blasé Villano 3rd: Amanda Schwartz, Maricel Amadio, Dorothy Gumularz, Stacey Schulman, Maxine Thiel, Grace Kim, Princess Hernandez, Nicole Karachun, Rachel Tarnoff, Adrian Briones, Michael Budzik Back: Loreen Targos, Elizabeth Imber, Alexis Herron, Olivia Kovac, Danielle Willer, Molly Heineman, Sara Siddiqui, Nancy Sherman, Megan Bieschke, Michael Lim, Robert Wand Not Pictured: Sarah Kozicki, Matthew Massoth, Maximilian Mazur, T.J. Moran, Kevin Soballe, Jessica Stoneberg

Singing With Style

It's 7:00 at night and while most students are unwinding or doing homework, singing can be heard from one of the small rooms in the music wing. Expressions, which is an extra curricular ensemble, meets every Thursday from seven until nine at night; sometimes they practice even longer.

"I practice the music on my own, too, as well as the two to four hours for practice we have during the week," stated first year member, Elisa Winter ('02).

According to third year member Nikita Burdein ('01), people try out for Expressions at the end the school year and in some cases students who were members the year before may not make it the following year. As well as preparing a song, students are also tested on their musical skills, sight reading, tonal memory, and an interview is conducted.

Due to the fact that the members of Expressions spend so much time together, "everyone gets to know each other a little better, so we're a lot more tightly knit," said Burdein.

In February, Expressions and Choir went to New York to sing in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. They also took another trip to a symposium down at the University of Illinois in Champaign in April. --Alex Harris and Tiffany Yu

Photos Courtesy of Paula Bachem

Getting down to business, these dedicated members of Expressions sing "Con Amores" during the Winter Concert.

Photos Angela Pabalan

Above: Wendy Barrios ('01) knows how to carry on a tune. Expressions attracts only the most dedicated and talented singers. Right: Getting ready for their New York trip, Wendy Barrios ('01) and Nikita Burdein ('01) warm up the group. A long rehearsal is ahead.

Photo: Root

EXPRESSIONS: Front: Jennifer Stevens, Leonore Pagsanjan, Maya Schenwar, Elisa Winter, Susan Kraus, Venus Delarmente, Wendy Barrios Back: Nikita Burdein, Lenny Hong, Joshua Solomon, Matthew Erlbach, Mark Guevarra, Tommy Stoic, Scott Stevens, Diego Colon

Photo: Courtesy of Paula Bachman

FUN WITH BANANAS: Front: Susan Kraus, Maya Schenwar, Elisa Winter 2nd: Wendy Barrios, Mark Guevarra, Venus Delarmente, Joshua Solomon, Tommy Stoic Back: Nikita Burdein, Diego Colon, Jennifer Stevens, Matthew Erlbach, Scott Stevens, Lenny Hong, Jenna Kaferly

Photo: Root

Expression members join other choir members for warm-ups. Warming up is essential to a successful rehearsal.

Photo: Alex Harris

Elisa Winter ('02)

"The music for Expressions is a lot harder than Choir music, the people are a lot more dedicated, and work harder. Since you're only 1 of 4 people in your section you make a bigger difference in the group in general. If you happen to mess up, it's really obvious."

Photo: Alex Harris

Maya Schenwar ('01)

"The best part was caroling all over the city-at the Art Institute, the German Christmas Market, and office buildings. This year we performed at the Northwestern's kids fair and at a bunch of Fannie Mays."

Photo: Alissa Catus

Diego Colon ('03)

"I have auditioned at different musical aspects and was eventually selected to participate in the group. Expressions is a very fun experience because of the level of our music. We learn very challenging, yet very fun music."

Presenting The Orchestra

Have you ever walked by the cafe and heard some strange noises coming from the hallway leading to the docking bay? It's no other than our very own Niles West Orchestra. Beethoven, Bach, Chopin? Most likely, the orchestra knows how to play it. A lot of the students here at Niles West are involved in either Orchestra, Band or Choir, yet many students don't even know the music wing exists. Steven Katz, who has been the Orchestra director at Niles West for 12 years, has acquired a great amount of knowledge in his field. Besides the musical aspect of his position, Katz knows about more than just tuning and playing instruments; he also know how to teach. All the students involved in Orchestra have the chance to improve their skills as musicians. The Orchestra puts on many performances during the year, and gives a great show for those attending the concerts. --Thomas Bae

Othan Gomez ('04) puts some final touches on his viola before the night's performance. Besides performance, another important factor is appearance.

Photo: Angie Kang

Photo: Angie Kang

Above: Elmer Chuao ('02) spares a second to smile for the camera. Before the orchestra goes on stage the back stage is in chaos making final preparations for the performance. Right: With a lot of experience and skill, all of Mr. Katz students listen attentively to what he says.

Photo: Root

Photo: Boyd

BOARD: Front: Errol Rice, Marc Davidson, George Kondiles, Nicholas Chuh 2nd: Vanesa Roimicher, Stephannie Kwon, Grace Kim, Christine Drachenberg, Esther Ko, Agatha Kubalski, Linda Lee Back: Hannah Sherry, Teresa Lim, Rona David, Anita Kaimal, Jennifer Teleback, Melissa Siegel

Photo: Boyd

SYMPHONIC : Front: Leonore Pagsanjan, Michael O'Brien, Grace Kim, Stephanie Moy, Esther Ko, Kathy Lee, Carlo Butacan, Christine Layne, Amy Chiu, Lina Cho, Jennifer Teleback 2nd: Christina Puzzo, Jason Schwenk, Jessica Kreusch, Natalie Senatore, Sabrina Ehmke, Elizabeth Leisner, Anita Kaimal, Shiney Korattiyil, Esther Lee, Christine Dimoulis 3rd: Paul Hahn, Hannah Sherry, Agatha Kubalski, Christine Drachenberg, Elisa Winter, Jamal Salem, Jenna Kaferly, Linda Lee, Christopher Kim, Charles Williams, Emnet Gebrehiiwet, Jacob Hsiao 4th: Eugene Gekhter, Lenny Hong, Kary Zarate, Jennifer Stevens, Elmer Chao, Robert Yavitch, Michael Hui, Mike Hua, Michael Lehrer, Cory Nelson, George Hamada Back: Jennifer Tabor (sponsor), Steven Katz (sponsor) Not Pictured: Adam Bagnall, Sung Ha Kim, George Kondiles, Krystyna Yang, David Krynski, Sharon Wolf, Dan Byun, David Gaode, Hwa Lee, Julia Macholl, Irina Uk, Karen Olsen, Jonathan Glassner, Daniel Dem, Helen Kang, Eric Davidson, Jessica Song, Jason Grover, Daniel Lee

Photo: Boyd

PHILHARMONIC: Front: Jeanne Chiu, Ruben Codrean, Teresa Lim, Jennifer Eng, Abigail Reiss, Marc Davidson, Kathryn Ernst, Nicholas Chuh, Christopher Bangit, Helena Kwon 2nd: Christine Kim, Ajitha Kaimal, Hannah Kim, Ashley Ng, Ji Hong, Jackie Kim, Sung Kwon, Tanya Baltsevitch, Mara Glasser, Melanie Davis, Rudra Sinharoy Back: Sharon Chang, Errol Rice, Mia Cortez, Melissa Siegel, Jin Park, Kiwon Park, Alexander Yang, Dong Kim, Phillip Choi

Photo: Boyd

CONCERT: Front: Andrew Vardijan, Othon Gomez, Roberto Jaimes, Ida Eng, Bianca Marinca, Vanesa Roimicher, Sherry Abraham, Lesley Kunnacherril, Laura Lee, Elena Dimoulis 2nd: James Park, Suhyun Kim, Kevin Kim, Linda Rusak, Danny Carnow, Nicole Large, Muneeba Shariff, Daka Wiedeman, Emily Spyratos Back: Jason George, Barbara Williams, Joseph Chelampath, Jee-Hae Choi, Sandra Goyal, Rona David, Da J. Kim, Un Ah Kim, Tiffany Loeffler

Literary Expression

Do you like poetry? Well, if poetry is fun and exciting for you, you may be interested in Images. Images is an English based club that promotes poetry at Niles West, and is open to all students. Images comes out with a literary magazine every year which consists of short stories, art, drawings, photography, and lots of poetry. Also, Images holds poetry slams throughout the year, where some students perform to compete for a variety of prizes. Others simply enjoy reading poetry during open mic. The members often perform their works at the W.H.O. Coffeehouse. "It's a meeting of the stage and the page," said Dana DesJardins, Images sponsor. Despite the fact that Images is a classic, it keeps up with the times; the staff is working on a web page. --Lena Rubins

Photo: Angela Pabalan

"T'was the night before finals....."recites Joshua Davis ('02) as he uses his theatrical voice to read a poem he composed himself for an Images scroll.

Photo: Angela Pabalan

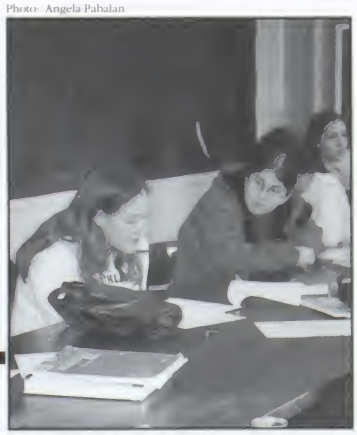

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Above: As Mollie Levison ('03) recites a poem by Jennifer Klein, students listen attentively. Levison is part of Images and the school newspaper. Right: Dana DesJardins and Maya Schenwar ('01) read poetry submitted by students to place in the monthly Images scrolls.

Photo: Andriana Matamic

Front: Seema Farooqui, Maya Schenwar, Lauren Silverman, Annie Spiro 2nd: Yagna Pathak, Katherine Schmid, Elizabeth Imber, Beth Rheinstorm, Sarah Kozicki, Mollie Levison, Jacob Chacko 3rd: Marissa Strassberger, Dena Guminiak, Nirmeen Rajani Back: Joshua Davis, Christina Puzzo, Melanie Davis, Lindsay Handler, Nicole Klemens, Carly Davis Atena Lodhi, Lindsay Perlen

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Left: Scrolls, poetry slams, and the art literary magazine are three of the things members of Images create every year.

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Members ponder over what poetry they'll read at open mic night. Some of the selections are quite unusual.

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Maya Schenwar ('01)

"Images lets me see an aspect of the student body that I wouldn't ordinarily see. Members of sports teams, theater, and music groups get a lot of recognition, but students involved in poetry are much less high profile. There's a lot of great student work out there, and Images is really the only forum at West to bring it to the public eye."

Photo: Angela Pabalan

Lauren Silverman ('04)

"The best part about being in Images, is meeting people that have the same love for poems as you do."

Latenights, Deadlines

Yearbook Top 10

10. Listening to your favorite music during class

9. Free pop from the cafeteria, courtesy of Sergey

8. Having access to a phone where people can reach you mods 17-19 and every day after school

7. Being first to see what your friends look like in their school picture

6. Walking down the hallway and knowing everyone, what club they're in, and how to spell their names correctly

5. Learning a few tricks of the trade about journalism

4. An A in a grade weight four class (only if you finish your pages, of course)

3. Learning how to manage your time well or how to do a lot of work very quickly

2. The perfect opportunity to approach anyone in the school (for a quote) and even take their picture.

1. Late nights=free food and fun fun fun

Photo: Anna Slonim

Selecting photos can be a very difficult job, especially if there are so many good ones. Since both Root and the yearbook photographers are very talented, it is often a problem to choose just one good photo. Kate Miyamoto ('01) takes her frustration out on the pictures.

Photo: Anna Slonim

Photo: Anna Slonim

Above: Who said yearbook wasn't hard work? Pamela Quinn ('01) breaks a sweat by practicing her new circus trick, juggling mice. Right: Ashlee Christian ('03) sits in front of a G-4 typing up copy (similar to what I'm doing now). Before computers were a part of the yearbook classroom, staffs had to compile copy, captions, and pictures all by hand.

Photos: Amy Rains

Front: Sania Hameed, Anna Slonim (editor-in-chief), Alissa Catiis (copy editor), Sharon Swanson (sponsor), Angela Pabalan, Kevin Bond (sponsor) 2nd: Sergey Shlyapintokh, Blance Evangelista, Angela Kang, Marissa Spitz, Jennifer Allen, Kejal Patel, Kate Miyamoto, Beeta Azarnoosh 3rd: Andriana Matanic, Tiffany Yu, Heather Johnson, Ashlee Christian, Lena Rubins, Lauren Curry Back: Alex Harris (photography editor), Lea Bingayen, Pamela Quinn, Jacqueline Collens, Shirley Trinh, Thomas Bae

Photos: Anna Slonim

A tedious, but very important process is checking names. Everyone on the staff spends some quality time with the alpha list, the yearbook bible. Despite the fact that Alex Harris ('01) is a photographer, she takes time out from taking pictures to check the mugs of her peers to make sure their names appear correctly on the junior pages.

Photos: Anna Slonim

Angela Kang ('02) can't escape Ms. Swanson unless she climbs out of the window. Lea Bingayen ('01) tries to save this fellow staffer before anything bad happens. Since room 310 is on the third floor, Kang has about as difficult of an escape as prisoners did trying to escape from Alcatraz in the 1950's.

Photos: Anna Slonim

Thomas Bae ('01)

"I love the freedom of room 310. It is the best room in the entire school. There are no restrictions here, you can relax and kick back while doing your work at the same time."

Photos: Anna Slonim

Lauren Curry ('01)

"I decided to do yearbook because I like taking pictures and I like to write. Yearbook is a way for me to express myself and Ms. Swanson is a big inspiration."

Photos: Anna Slonim

Sergey Shlyapintokh('02)

"It's fun. I like working with people and going to events and taking pictures. I like being part of something that everyone keeps on their shelves years after it (yearbook) is finished."

Photo: Sergey Shkapintokh

Left: Marissa Spitz ('01) takes some quiet time after working on the sports section.

Photo: Sergey Shkapintokh

Right: Angela Kang ('02) retrieves her pages from the printer. The next step is to get the pages edited.

Photo: Sergey Shkapintokh

Photo: Sergey Shkapintokh

Above: Talk time. Ashlee Christian ('03) and Beeta Azarnoosh ('03) discuss which picture can work for their page. Right: Jennifer Allen ('03) is proud to receives her edited page back with very few corrections.

Photo: Anna Slonim

Promoting violence is the last thing on the mind of these yearbook staffers. Marissa Spitz ('02) uses scissors to scare photography editor, Alex Harris ('02) into giving her girl's swimming pictures. Sometimes the photographers need a little nudge to develop their film.

Photo: Alissa Cano

Photo: Anna Slonim

Above: "If you can't see me, I'm not really here," states EIC Anna Slonim ('01) as she hides behind a copy envelope. Right: A yearbook is a history book, a memory book, and a reference book. Tiffany Yu ('01) takes mental notes as she flips through the mugs section. Dedicated staffers spend time looking at other schools' yearbooks for new ideas.

Yearbook Memories

Photo: Anna Slonim

Cropping is what this dynamic duo does best. Blance Evangelista ('03) and Kejal Patel ('03) have fun while getting the job done right. Who said yearbook isn't fun?

Photo: Anna Slonim

Left: Shirley Trinh ('01), Jacqueline Collens ('03), and Heather Johnson ('03) practice for the new Brady Bunch movie auditions. Only creativity driven students choose to participate in activities such as yearbook. Below: Amusement is at its peak mods 17-19. Beeta Azarnoosh ('03) catches Jennifer Allen ('03) as she leaps off the couch, a new addition to Room 310.

Photo: Anna Slonim

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Alissa Catiis ('02)

"There is almost nothing in the world that drives me to work as much as yearbook does. For me, it's kind of like going full speed ahead towards the finish line, practicing an extra hour of the violin, or cramming for that final exam. Where would my life be without yearbook? Well, I don't really know because I don't know any other way."

Photo: Sergei Shkapintokh

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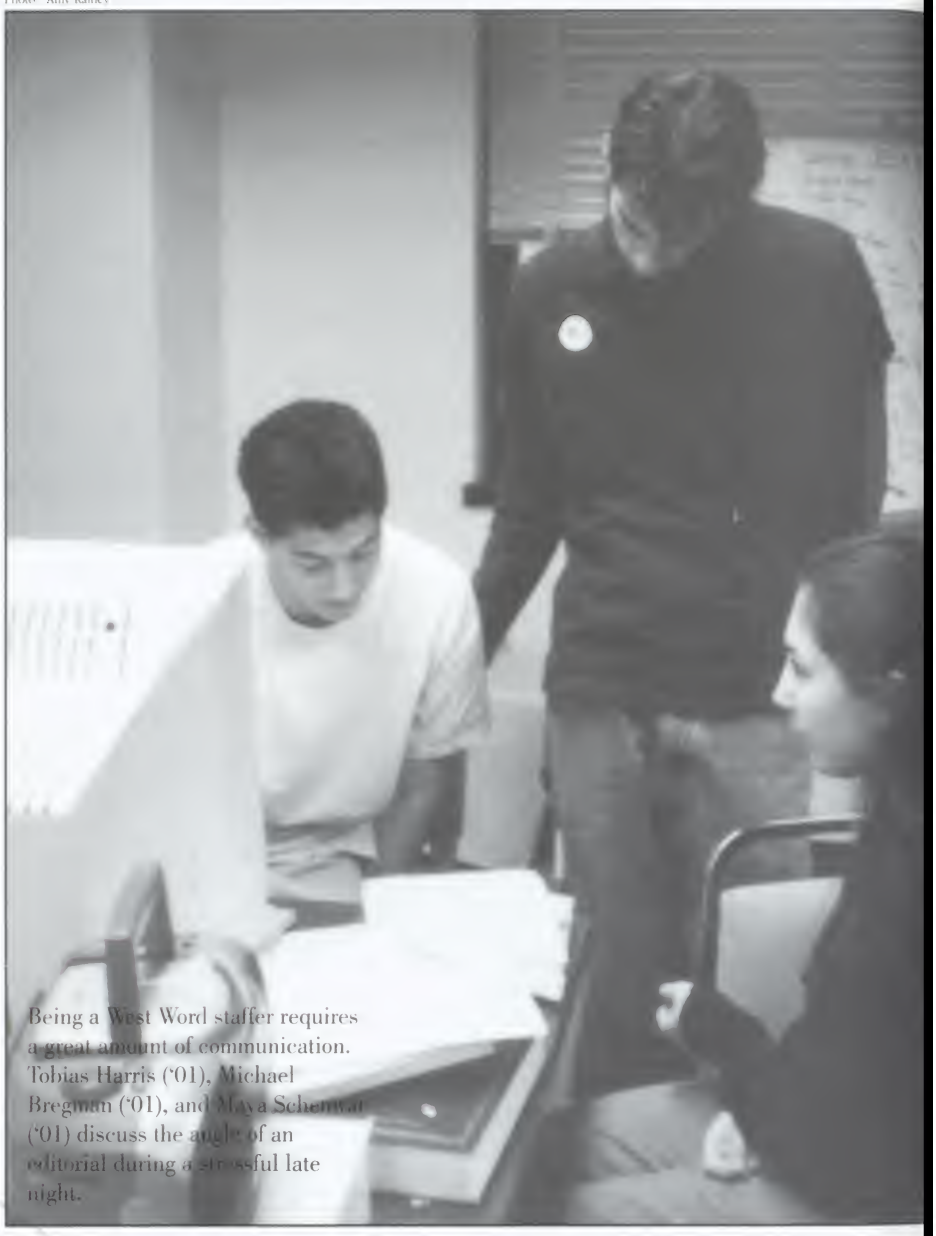
Far Left: Christopher Naka ('01) laughs. This was the third year Naka designed the cover for the yearbook. Left: Like father, like son. Assistant Kevin Bond and son Jacob share a smirk during one of the famous latenights.

I've spent the majority of my high school career thus far in the publications room. It is truly my home. Never have I devoted so much time and effort, nor had so much fun as I have in my past 3 years as a West Word staff member. Call it crazy. Call it odd. Call it the norm for *West Word* staffers.

I've traveled to new places, mentally and physically, because of my experiences on staff. I've also had the privilege of working with all genres of people--intelligent, caring, interpersonally challenged and interpersonally gifted, fun, insane, and the list continues on. While I have another year here, when I leave this school, if I take anything away it will be the hilarious entertaining moments from West Word. --Amy Rainey, Senior News Editor

West Word

Photo: Amy Rainey



Being a West Word staffer requires a great amount of communication. Tobias Harris ('01), Michael Bregman ('01), and Maya Schenwar ('01) discuss the angle of an editorial during a stressful late night.

Photo: Amy Rainey

Above: Sam Rosen ('03) strikes a timid pose in the publications room. Rosen is West Word's technical "guru." Right: "We're done!" Amy Rainey ('02) and Becky Bloom ('03) express joy as the final copies of Issue #3 have been placed on the zip disk and will now be sent to the printer.

Photo: Amy Rainey

Photo: Michael Bregman

Amy Rainey ('02) and former staffer Natalie Senatore ('01) take a break for a photo at the NSPA Summer Journalism Workshops at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

Photo: Alex Harris

Front: Christopher Naka, Jennifer Eng, Nadia Shamim, Olga Prutnikov, Rita Koganzon, Sam Rosen, Jhemma Castro, Jonathan Berkley 2nd: Adeeb Ansari, Mollie Levison, Jennifer Gorski, George Kondiles, Tobias Harris, Becky Bloom Back: Michael Conroy (Advisor), Gregory Mathes, William Georgakis, Michael Bregman (Editor in Chief) Not Pictured: Amy Rainey, Maya Schenwar, Rebecca Zavelovich

Photo: Amy Rainey

Christopher Naka ('01) perfects an image of a milk bottle in Photoshop for the Issue #3 Focus section on cereal. Naka took great pride in the section as he has an addictive love for cereal.

Top West Word Memories

"'Papa' John 'Boy' Arends and 'Papa' Bregman and 'Up Close' with Howie were definitely my favorites." --Tobias Harris ('01)

"The NSPA Convention 1999- Atlanta and its 'ghetto dances', and 'Fitzy' the bee." --Maya Schenwar ('01)

"NSPA Workshops 2000- Minneapolis held many great memories for me, such as 'Grampa Lampa' and 'hotties'." --Amy Rainey ('02)

"When I bought ground beef and brought it to the late night. Everyone found it hilarious... weird people."--Sam Rosen ('03)

"Finding out that your new advisor resigned after four weeks of school and the John Arends twirl." --Billy Georgakis ('01)

Photo: Amy Rainey

Michael Bregman ('01)

--Editor in Chief

"West Word has been my life for three years. Long live Swider."

Athletics

Opponents stop here

Thomas Bae ('01) takes aim for a hard forehand return. The intensity on his face is only matched by the speed of his return volley.

Jamil Fakhoury ('01) sports his letterman jacket and matching warm-ups just outside the football field. Some athletes wear their uniforms on the field and off.

Kyleen Garcia ('01) warms up before a big game against rival New Trier. Proper game preparation is as crucial to athletes as a good game performance.

Photo: Chris Naka

Right: Carolyn Aler ('01) rushes to pass the baton to awaiting teammate Erica Kim ('02). Clean passes are vital to running a successful relay.

Far Right: Football fans withstand the season's cold weather in order to cheer on their team. With fans like these, it's surprising our team can't win all the time.

Photo Courtesy of Alissa Gatus

BASEBALL

Over The Fence . . .

Corndogs, hotdogs, pizza, and, of course, a large Coke are perfect for a day spent at the ballpark. Munching on goodies and humming along to the seven inning stretch; the fun part is painting your face and yelling until you lose your voice for the team you love.

It's true that the Varsity games don't have concession stands to satisfy the fans' cravings for munchies. It's also true that the stadium has no big screen TV, replaying that amazing play. However, many principles remain the same. As in the major leagues, the pitchers spit and surprise both the batter and crowd with incredible fastballs. The batters prove that raw talent can be found anywhere. And the spirit is alive on the field, in the batter box, and in the stands.

"The team worked very hard," said Coach Garry Gustafson. The record was 21 wins to 11 losses. The team scored 267 runs during the season, on average 9 runs per game. "We were ranked 9th in the state," said Justin East ('01).

Whether it's catching a ball game on Channel Nine, putting on your Cubs jacket and hitting the big leagues, or simply taking some time off from homework to watch the guys here at West, a fan is always a fan. Whether it's hitting the batting cages, missing dinner twice a week because a game ran late, or owning more jerseys than sweaters, a player is always a player. The love for baseball unites all.

--Anna Slonim

Record	Captains	Awards
Overall: 21 Wins 11 Losses **Conference:** 3rd Place	Jason Krynski Chris Uhle	**MVP:** Jason Krynski Chris Uhle

Photos: Sergei Shipnokh

"We had a great season. The team was ranked in the top ten for most of the season."
--Coach Garry Gustafson

Photos: Alex Harris

Above: "We have a tradition where we all get in a circle right before we take the field and we say the pitchers name," explains Adam Parsill ('02) Top Right: Tobias Harris ('01) swings for the fences during a game in which West defeated New Trier.

Photo: Alex Harris

Justin East

Year: 2001
Number: 23
Games Played During Season: 12
Batting Average: .158
Runs Scored: 5
Motivation: "The will to win"

VARSITY: Front: Matthew Shedroff, Brian Kucha, Daniel Ottlinger, Christopher Uhle, Tobias Harris 2nd: Sean Kolodziej, Kevin Phillips, Jose Diaz, Andrew Krueger, Richard Houston, Nicholas Venetico Back: Coach Marvin Klebba, Joseph Tomoleoni, Jason Krynski, Brian Krier, Adam Parsill, Justin East, Coach Garry Gustafson

Photo: Root

SOPHOMORE: Front: Kevin Vanderporten, James Bartholomew, Perry Trafman 2nd: Joseph Rusinak, Patrick Schramm, Robert Noonan, Kyle Heuer, Luke Markewych, Nasir Bhanpuri Back: Ari Emami-Yeganeh, Coach Mitch Stern, Steven Phillips, Matthew Margolis, William Toy, Coach Snizek

FRESHMAN A: Front: Peter Dubs, Anthony Gragnani, Robert Finnerman, Shaun Guardino 2nd: Marco Ontaneda, Jeffrey Maher, Daniel John Kosiba, Michael Zonis, Sean McNeela, Daniel Uhle Back: Coach Jeremy McCormick, Michael Bartlett, Michael Tomoleoni, Jacob Gates, Nicholas Cosmos, George Kontos, Coach Chris Schwarz

Photo: Root

FRESHMAN B: Front: Bryan Foley, Jonathan Naka, Angelberto Blanco, Tyler Heidtke 2nd: Paul Souferis, Brian Sandalow, Mark Krier, Nicholas Frank, Eric Ruenbanthoeng, Tim Strauch Back: Charles Blanchard, Chris Kostogiannes, Coach Todd Roth, Patrick Malartsik, Jarrett Wagner

BOYS' BASKETBALL

He Shoots, He Scores...

With a young team consisting of one sophomore, eight juniors, and seven seniors, the Varsity Basketball Team holds a record of 5 wins and 7 losses, and they are still going strong. "With two returning lettermen, the junior-dominated team is off to a good start," said Varsity Head Coach Tom Meyer. The sophomore team is also doing quite well. Their team beat Loyola in the Hersey tournament, which helped them take 1st place overall. The sophomore team also placed 2nd in the Niles North tournament. Coach Meyer stated, " I am good at predicting (the season) but then it would spoil the fun of playing." If you want to know how the team is doing so far, just ask their loyal fans who come to all the games, both home and away, to show their support for their favorite team. Go Indians! --Jennifer Allen

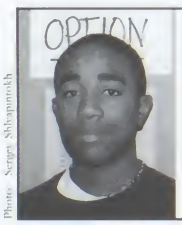


Photo: Sergey Shkapenyuk

"A special memory from the season was when we beat New Trier."-- Jarryd Loyd ('04)

Photo: Root

Above: Brian Krier ('01) goes up for a shot while Alex Filin ('02) is ready for the rebound. Krier is one of the key players on the team. Upper right: Before every game, the team piled into a huddle and gave each other words of encouragement to "psych" each other up for the game. This is a ritual of many teams.

Nicholas Cosmos

* Sophomore Team player, class of 2003
" The things that motivate me to do well are my coaches, teammates, and my will to work hard. This is what you need in order to do well."

VARSITY: Front: Nicholas Halkias, Jonathan Berkley, Kyle Heuer, Patrick Schramm 2nd: Sergio Papillon, Patrick Donoghue, Richard Houston, Jamil Fakhoury, David Schmidt, Michael Saavedra Back: Alex Filin, Brian Krier, David Johanson, Charles Williams, David Berkley

JV/SOPH: Front: Bryan Serrano, Devin Dildy, Alex Gikas, George Halkias 2nd: Michael Fazelian, Ron Kang, Steve Mourtokokis, Benjamin Krop, Brendan McKenna Back: Coach Brian Lukens, Richard Marchesky, Nicholas Cosmos, Jimmy Gikas, George Kontos, Coach Eric Lueder

FRESHMAN: Front: Brian Ross, Albert Tamondong, Brandon Corday, Erik Granlud 2nd: Jarryd Loyd, Peter Drebos, Robert Filip, Adam Daniel, Vincent Franso, Asif Patel, Carlos Zarate, Pratik Patel 3rd: Coach Kaine Osburn, Edward Kim, Alex Tejeda, Christopher Lamarz, Michael Pantazis, Nabil Alam, Coach Joseph Meyer Back: Eli Barba, Justin Plaia, Laurence Frank, Louie Theodorakakis, Nathan Diaz, Matthew Flink

Nicholas Halkias ('01) drives down the lane for a lay-up. Quickness is an asset among many guards.

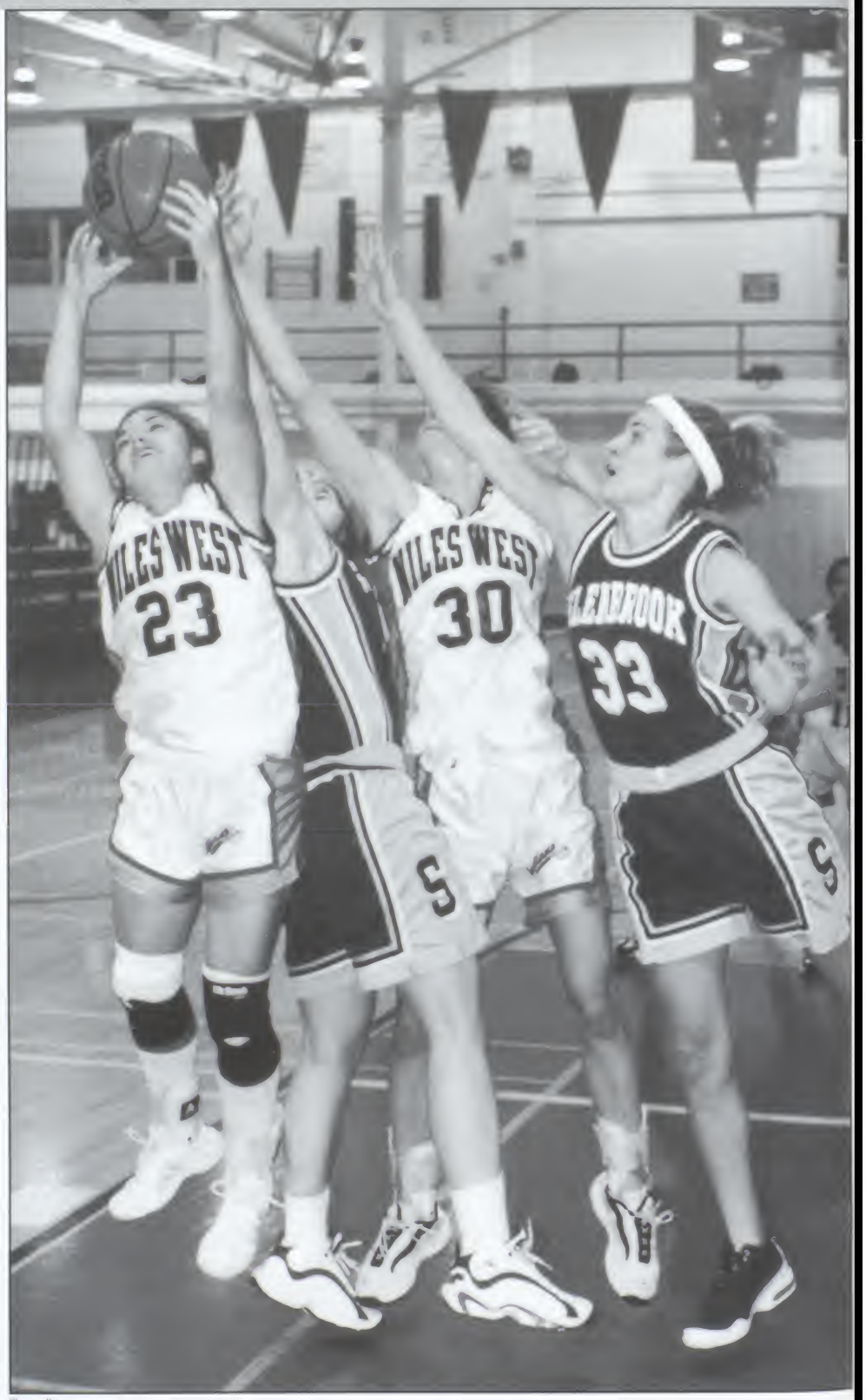
GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Nothing but Net...

Varsity was ranked last in conference at the beginning of the season but proved that they can compete with anybody. Coach Genis commented, "This has probably been the most enjoyable season I've had as a coach. We won just six games last year and more than doubled that this year." The team has turned many heads, starting out strong by placing second at the Fenton-Elk Grove Tournament and Second at the Niles North-Maine East Meyers Granbemann Tournament. Another memorable moment this season was "when Jenny shook the referee's hand, while he stuck it out, telling her that she had to back up three feet," explained Lynn Hohs ('01). As the season progressed, the team surprised many other basketball teams. No one really imagined that they could be so competitive. "Our season is going very well. The team is very compatible with each other and really getting used to playing together. We are becoming a unit," explained Sara Ryan ('02). The girls are much quicker, more athletic, more competitive and more disciplined this year. The reason for their success this season is "because we play as a team on the court and not as five individuals," stated Lynn Hohs '01). --Lea Bingayen

Photo: Anna Sheean

"I really love basketball for the defense, because it is the best part of the game. This year, I really improved on my shooting and offense. Hoopstars!"--Corinne O'Reilly ('03).



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Above: Soaring for the rebound, Lynn Hohs ('01) and Lana Emerson ('01) struggle with two Glenbrook South players for possession of the ball. Top Right: Struggling to get the ball, Lea Bingayen ('01) competes with another player from GBS. Both of them will do anything to get the ball.

Photos: Rost

Ji Hae Kim

*Junior Captain
"The best part about basketball is the competition. The competitive spirit is what gives me such a desire to play basketball."

Photos: Rost

VARSITY: Front: Heather Hohs, Karen Hohs, Ji Hae Kim (captain), Colleen Corrigan, Lea Bingayen 2nd: Jhemma Castro (captain), Jennifer King, Carrie Poulsom, Eileen Ouska, Sharon Wolf, Katarina Jeremic, Lynn Hohs Back: Coach Lou Metallo, Tahera Ahmad, Sara Ryan, Lana Emerson (captain), Christina Conrad, Coach Dave Genis

Photos: Rost

JV/SOPH: Front: Kimberly Edwardson 2nd: Jodi Henriksen, Julia Varsamis, Jennifer McKinney, Corinne O'Reilly Back: Jennifer Fortman, Caroline Topolinski, Coach Jill Costanzi, Jasna Vojcic, Andrea Roiniotis

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FRESHMAN A: Front: Kathleen Noonan, Ioanna Halkias 2nd: Erin Finnicum, Jessica Patera, Sarah Oline, Lauren Perzov Back: Coach Stacey Albrecht, Molly Heineman, Anne Lamanna, Maegan Duffy, Coach Garry Gustafson

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FRESHMAN B: Front: Eunice An, Renee Nowak, Celeste Del Mundo, Lisa Yee 2nd: Ashley Ng, Rachel Tarnoff, Malli Castro, Valerie Barajas, Tayyaba Ahmad, Ambreen Lakhani Back: Megan Hayes, Stephanie Hernandez, Coach Mary Klebba, Barbara Williams, Britany Westby

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

Keep on Running . . .

No, there isn't a ball in this sport. Cross Country is all about running...and more running. Athlete Joseph DiMaria ('01) said, "There is nothing like the feeling after a Cross Country meet. Our muscles are dead, but the feeling is awesome." DiMaria's experience describes the challenges and joys of competing in Cross Country. The long runs and practices help improve the fitness of each athlete involved. Some practices require the team to go to Mount Trashmore for a three and a half mile run up and down the hills. Although a lot of this sport requires individual strengths and goals, Cross Country is considered a team sport. There are seven guys who combine to form a team, each contributing his time and talents in hopes of success. Michael Hui's ('02) inspiration for running comes from "my will to compete and break my times." To be successful in this sport, DiMaria ('01) claims that all you need is, "the talent, the willingness to work hard and enough guts to finish strong."
--Kate Miyamoto

Team Record	Team Captains	Team Awards
Varsity: 23-5 **Sophomores:** 24-2 **Freshman:** 10-4	Jason Grover Joseph DiMaria	**21st Annual Niles West Dual Invite:** Varsity: 1st Sophomore: 1st Freshman: 2nd **30th Annual Savage Niles West Invite:** Sophomore: 1st Freshman: 1st **36th Annual Niles West Ron Campbell Run:** Sophomore: 3rd Freshman: 3rd

Photo: Kare Miyamoto

"My inspiration comes from my desire to do my best, and knowing that when I'm not running, those around me are improving."
--Eric Aponte ('02)

Photo: Root

Sprinting to the finish line, Joe DiMaria ('01) and Mike Hui ('02) battle exhaustion to finish the race. They competed at the Savage Invitational held here at Niles West.

Photo: Angela Paladin

Photo: Root

Jason Grover

Senior, All Conference
Most Valuable Runner
IHSA Scholastic Achievement
Savage Award Winner
Sectional Qualifier
15th place-Regionals

Photo: Root

From the look on Jason Grover's ('01) face, the long run is finally taking a toll on his muscles.

Photo: Angela Paladin

Left: With an opponent only a few feet behind, Eddie Aponte ('01) dashes through the flags toward the finish line. Top Left: Errol Rice ('03) and Alexander Elman ('03) give their last ounce of strength to finish the race.

Photo: Root

Front: Danny Carnow, Bryan Wickert, Eric Aponte 2nd: Errol Rice, Frederick Javier, Jason Grover (captain), Alexander Elman, Andrew Jatico, Greg Saraceno Back: Joseph DiMaria (captain), Coach Julie Savage, Coach Pat Savage, Coach Vachee Loughran, Charles Williams Not Pictured: Michael Hui

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

Strong to the Finish...

Have you ever wondered what motivates these young women to run such long distances? What could possibly keep them going when the weather gets bad or the competition gets tough? Captain Carolyn Aler ('01) stated, "In this sport, you are not so much competing against other teams as you are competing against yourself. You are always aspiring to beat your own personal best, and that is a challenge that is always present." If you ever witnessed the practices these girls have gone through, you would definitely see exactly how determined they really are to achieve those personal goals. The team is constantly running a grueling marathon around Mt. Trashmore, yet complaints are few and far between. This is a group of girls that truly defines teamwork. According to Jenny King ('02), "The team was great. Everyone got along great, whether we were in or out of school. I've never been on a team that was this great of friends!"
--Pamela Quinn

Team Record	Team Captains	Team Awards
Conference: 2nd **Sectionals:** 12th	Carolyn Aler ('01) Karen Hohs ('02) Karen Olsen ('01)	**1st Place** at Mt. Hareb Invite, Resurrection Invite, and Niles North Invite **All Conference Players:** Carolyn Aler, Erika Kim, Catherine Kowalczyk

Photo: Lauren Curry

"Though an injury kept me out of most races, I was able to see this team grow to be one of the best in the conference, and this was truly inspirational!" --Karen Hohs (03)

Photo: Root

Team captain Karen Olsen ('01) pushes herself to improve her previous time. Many runners find that the hardest competition is against themselves.

Photo: Root

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Carolyn Aler

*Senior
*Co-captain with Karen Hohs and Karen Olsen
*Named All-Conference Athlete by CSL coaches
*Voted MVP by Cross Country teammates

Photo: Root

Taking a quick turn around the fence, Samantha Rosati ('04) exerts herself in order to surpass her nearby competition. Many people enjoy Cross Country because it keeps them in great physical shape.

Photo: Root

Above Left: Running side by side, Chayil Wiedeman ('01) and Lorraine Ishida ('03) stay strong to the finish. Left: Esther Ko ('01) keeps pace with the race as Amy Pisula ('01) works to catch up. In this sport, teammates must really work together to achieve their goals.

Photo: Root

Front: Pauline Miliotis, Monica Castillo, Laura Phillips, Tiffany Loeffler, Karen Hohs (captain), Christina Puzzo 2nd: Emily Scheler, Jodi Henriksen, Lynn Hohs, Karen Olsen (captain), Katherine Stachowicz, Lorraine Ishida, Jennifer King, Mariann Chelampath Back: Coach Heidi Baran, Erica Kim, Catherine Kowalczyk, Barbara Williams, Allison Peck, Elizabeth Leisner, Coach Anne Beatty-Heselton Not Pictured: Carolyn Aler (captain)

FOOTBALL

Football Is Life...

Dumb jocks running around a field trying to beat the hell out of each other; hot guys in tight spandex pants; two hundred pound guys smacking each other's behinds. This may be how we see football, but to the players, "Football is life." Football requires effort, dedication, physical strength, and heart. The players try to embody all of these qualities to be the best of their abilities. During the off season, you will most likely find the team conditioning or lifting weights in the weight room. In the summer, the team is in football camp, which helps to better their skills. The summer league is also another option. These practices run from very early in the morning until the middle of the afternoon. It all pays off in the long run.

"It was the first back-to-back winning season since 1973", said Head Coach Mark Egofske. The team also placed 3rd out of 6 in conference. Their accomplishments show that if you put your heart into the sport you love, you can do anything.
--Jenny Allen

Team Record	Team Captains	Team Awards
Varsity: 5-4 **Sophomores:** 2-7 **Freshman:** 5-4	Justin East Jamil Fakhoury Brian Krier Joe Tomoleoni	**All Conference Players:** - Will Alleguez - Chris Lembesis - Jim Schertzing - Brian Krier - Larry Masarsky - Alex Filin

Photo - Sergey Shivapanteikh

"Our team was like a family. By the end of the season we were all very close and like best friends." --Blerim Delisi ('04)

Photo - Courtesy of the West Word

Above: Brian Krier ('01) has no problem tackling down one of our rivals, the New Trier Trevians. Unfortunately, the Indians lost the game. Top right: "I love to play football because I like to be competitive and I also like knowing that my performance will affect the outcome of the game," said Emmauel Simon ('02)

Photo: Courtesy of the West Word

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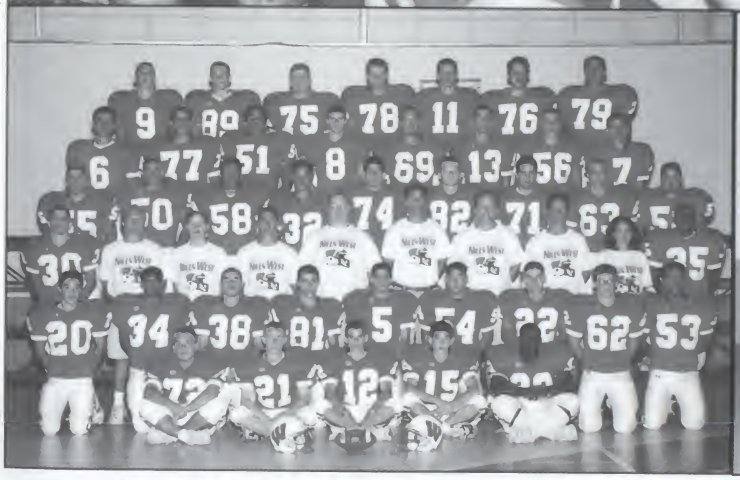
Justin East

*Senior, Captain

"The thing that inspires me to do well is that if I do my part, then everyone else will be backing me up."



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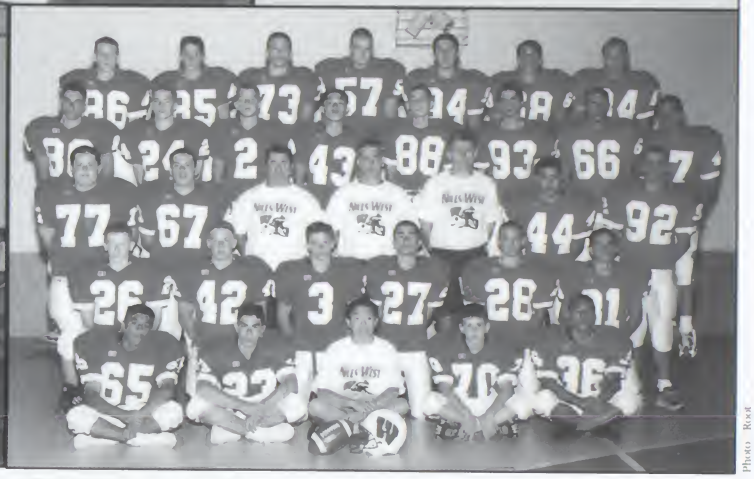
VARSITY: Front: Kevin Vanderporten, Mark Siegel, James Bartholomew, Christopher Kimura, Emmanuel Simon 2nd: Christopher Regidor, Nasir Bhanpuri, Norman Moore, Arnold Cemeno, Joe Isho, Bae Jun, Silviu Anca, Brandon Murphy, Deryll De Vera 3rd: Larry Masarsky, Coach Joe Galambos, Brian Katzman (athletic trainer), Coach Bob Deleonardis, Coach Eric Swenson, Coach Mark Rigby, Coach Tony Konsewicz, Coach Mark Egofske, Kendra Trilling (athletic trainer), Lonnie Williams 4th: Chris Lembesis, David Umana, Arvind Datt, Derrick De Vera, Leo Souflakis, Rafal Siachurski, Greg O'Brien, Robert Noonan, William Allegnez 5th: Eric Davidson, Edward May, Jamil Fakhoury (captain), Joseph Tomoleoni (captain), Justin East (captain), Jeremy Will, Andrew Krueger, Patrick Donoghue Back: Alex Filin, Adam Parsill, James Schertzing, David Johanson, Brian Krier (captain), Ryan Kinslow, Sammer Fakhoury



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SOPHOMORE: Front: Anup Philip, Steven Terc, David Mai, Kevin Henrick, Bryan Serrano 2nd: Aron Sullivan, Nicholas Frank, Daniel Uhle, Gary Kachaturian, Anthony Gragnani, Michael Holmes 3rd: Jeffrey Pelletier, George Lappas, Coach Mario Faso, Coach Larry Fogel, Coach Tom Meyer, Jose Reyes, David Dorband 4th: Dino Kalabogias, Jeffery Maher, Mark Krier, Ron Kang, Edgar Mourans, Michael Zonis, Christopher Neitlich, Marco Ontaneda Back: Sean McNeela, Daniel Kosiba, Martin Gibbs, Michael Tomoleoni, Anton Mykhaylova, Peter Lucas, Brendan McKenna

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FRESHMAN: Front: Brandon Siena, Tom Mahler, Daniel Rose 2nd: Mickey Noonan,George Michael, Michael Tamondong, Patrick Nikodem, Kevin Borkenhagen, Ryan Brkljacic, Adam Pedroza, Vlad Bezuyevskiy 3rd: David Iannotti, Joey Galambos, Coach Chris Vivone, Coach Jamie Krzeminski, Coach Frank Houlihan, Coach Bryan Wittersheim, Coach Howard Fogel, Blerim Delisi, Eric Courtney 4th: Ramceen Khamou, Kostas Hobitakis, Damian Kulikowski, Jon Levine, Charlie Gockenbach, Stephen Coorlas, Patrick Milott, Eddy Yuneri Back: Walter Mendenhall, Jason Bamaung, Laurence Frank, Michael Johanson, David Solovastru, Michael Archam, Michael Pantazis

Photo: Sergey Shlyapntokh

"We earned our victory during the Homecoming game against GBS. Everyone played with heart and tenacity and everyone stepped up to contribute to the win," remembers Daniel Uhle ('03).

GOLF

Striving For Success...

If you were a member of the girls' basketball team, practices would be just a few steps to the gym. That is not the case for the golf team. Every day they have to take a bus for twenty minutes, just to practice. Despite this--or perhaps because of this--the golf team made significant progress. They defeated Evanston at their home course, something they have been unable to do in the last ten years. "90 percent of our team improved scoring averages," stated Coach Mitch Stern. One highlight of the season was when Jack Champoochan ('01) qualified for State. Chompoochan remembers feeling apprehensive and intimidated as he arrived Downstate. "The tournament was tough because it is comprised of sixty of the best IHSA golfers in the state. I just wanted to enjoy it." Chompoochan stepped up to the challenge and was very successful. Who knows, he may be the next Tiger Woods.

--Lauren Curry

Photo: Courtesy of Peter Nelson

"We are going to miss our captain Jack Chompoochan, but we have a lot of young talent."--Peter Nelson ('02).

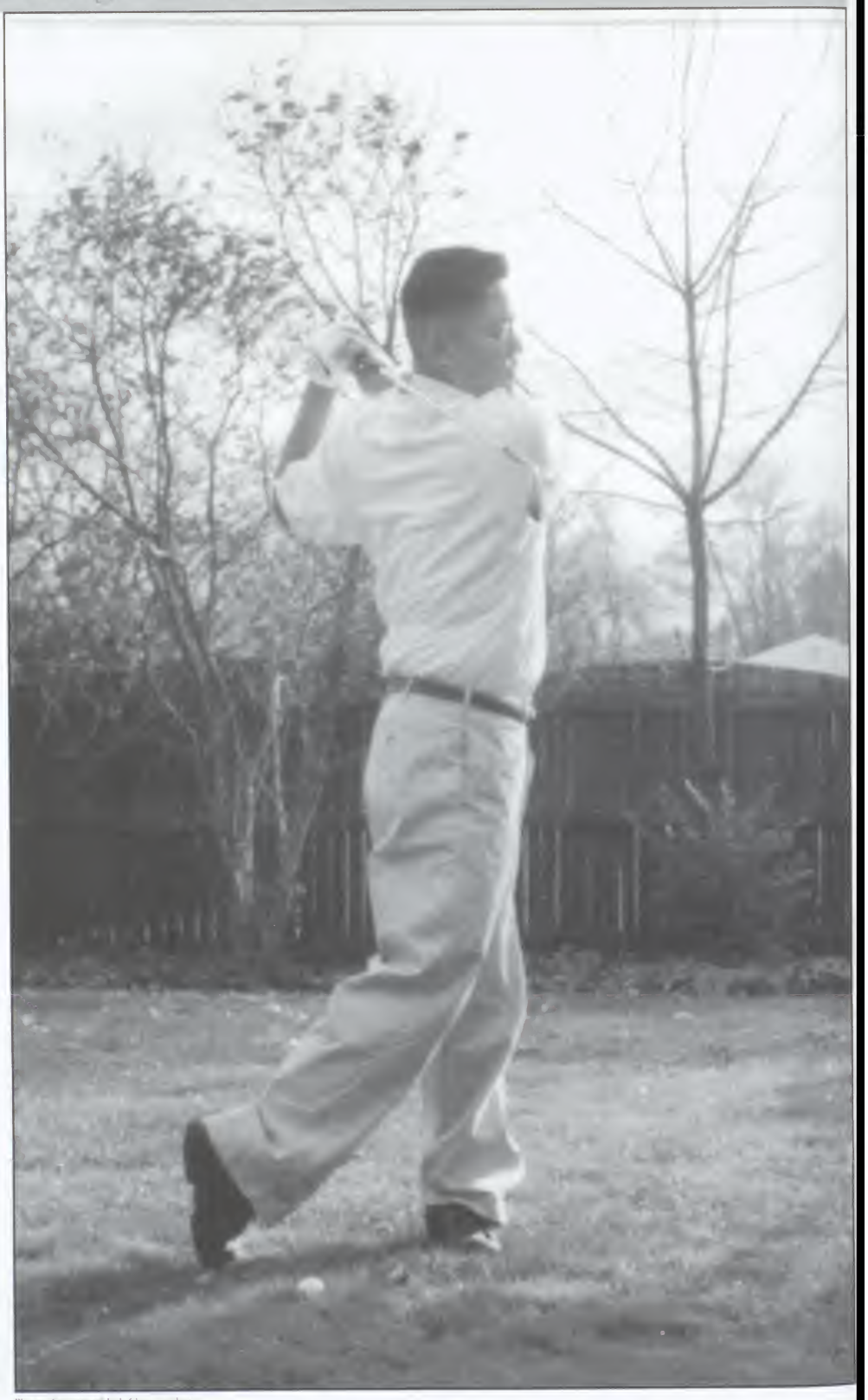

Photo: Courtesy of Jack Chompoochan

Preparing for his State competition, Jack Chompoochan ('01) works to improve his game. During his free time, Champoochan is often found practicing in his backyard.

Photo: Courtesy of Mitch Stern

Photo: Root

Jack Chompoochan

Senior, Captain
All--Conference player
Most Valuable Player
State Qualifier
"My family, coaches, and teammates inspire me to do well every time I play."

Photo: Nasir Bhanpuri

Edward Paramadilok ('02) perfects his swing while practicing at Sports Park. "This season was very successful considering half of the season was lacking our Captain Jack Chompoochan," commented Paramadilok.

Photo: Courtesy of Mitch Stern

Above Left: Practicing his swing in the field house, Joseph Jacobucci ('01) gets ready for an upcoming game. Many golf members take time to practice, no matter where the location. Left: Edward Paramadilok ('02) concentrates on driving the ball as far as possible.

Photo: Root

Front: Edward Paramadilok, Nicholas Leevathana, David Roer, Steven Berkley, Todd Matten 2nd: Peter Dubs, Coach Garry Gustafson, Coach Mitch Stern, George Kontos, Jack Chompoochan Back: David Perzov, Jeff Balin, Robert Wand, Peter Nelson, Paul Brown, Patrick Malartsik, Paul Souferis, Joseph Jacobucci

BOYS' GYMNASTICS

Flying High...

Gymnastics is one sport that always seems classic, whether at the high school level or at such renown events as the Olympics. The beauty of this sport portrays the hard work that goes into it. Lifting weights after school, early Saturday practices, and dealing with injuries are all part of this intense sport.

Determination motivates the gymnasts. This motivation helped the team get through the tough season and deal with injuries. "It was hard to perfect old skills and learn new skills during practice (in time for the next competition)," said Danil Rybalko ('02). Regardless of the many challenges, the team had an outstanding season, lead by Christopher Locklund ('01), who qualified for state on the high bar and parallel bars.

After hours of hard work, the team likes to relax. Right before a meet, they have mini banquets in the gym. They eat snacks and review old tapes to see where they can improve. It is a great opportunity for the team to bond and have fun. --Kejal Patel

Team Record	Team Captain	Team Awards
Varsity: 3 5 **JV:** 8 0 **Freshman:** 6 2	Christopher Locklund	**Varsity Foerch Invitational:** 3rd **JV Conference:** 1st **Freshman Conference:** 1st

Photo Courtesy of Marv Yankova

"I am inspired to do well for the reputation of our school and for my teammates who work hard.
--Andrew Jatico ('03)

Photo Reina Uhler

The only member of the freshman team, Gabriel Clarito ('03) who can do a V-hold, performs the trick on the parallel bars. "The parallel bars are my favorite of all the events."

Photo: Reina Uhler

Danil Rybalko

Junior Conference Champion on the floor exercise, high bar, and all-around. "I have been doing flips all my life and I find it really addictive."

Photo: Reina Uhler

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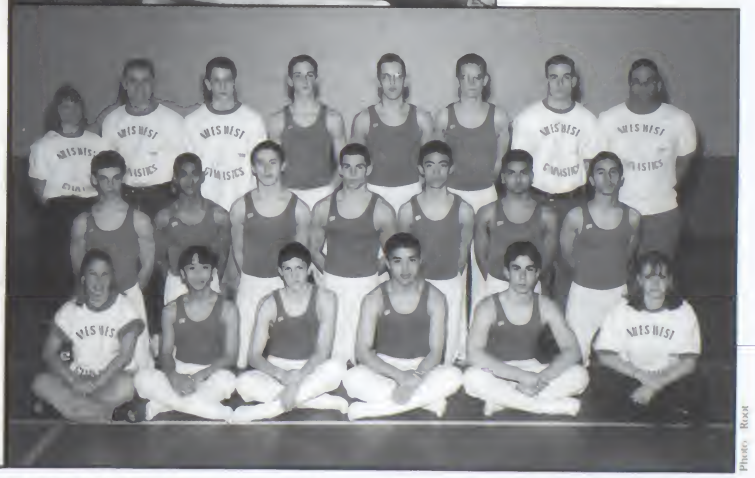
Concentration is an important part of gymnastics. Michael Mueller ('02) combines concentration and strength to perfect his skills.

Photo: Courtesy of Jose Reyes

Top Left: By the look of determination on Daniel Poloz's ('02) face he is working hard. Poloz has always enjoyed watching gymnastics and feels lucky to compete. Left: Toes pointed, Jose Reyes ('03) is in the perfect form of the L-hold. Parallel bars are his best event.



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BOYS' GYMNASTICS: Front: Manager Sabrina Gellman, Gabriel Clarito, Darryl Sher, Jose Reyes,Steven Terc, Manager Valerie Geer 2nd: Christopher Locklund, Errol Rice, Danil Rybalko, Daniel Poloz, Andrew Jatico, John Varunny, Gary Kachaturian Back: Coach Pam Foerch, Coach Steve Foerch, Michael Mueller, Mark Neville, William Faehse, Loren Hord, Coach Adrian Batista, Coach Lou Torres

GIRLS' GYMNASTICS

Chalk Up...

Whoever came up with the idea of taking a plank of wood four inches wide and doing flips on it must not have been a very sane person. At any rate, the Girls' Gymnastics Team thinks of that as normal and demonstrates various perilous beam tricks with much skill and grace. Among practice, meets, and school the girls still find time to "hang" as friends. Earlier in the season they had a team sleepover and also go through certain rituals before big meets. "Even though we all may not be best friends, when we get together we have a good time and something to talk about the next morning at practice," said Chelsea Sher ('04) The team was plagued by injury early on in the season, with Bre Gelman ('01) and Chelsea Sher ('04), who were unable to compete at the meet against rival Niles North. Despite the misfortune, the team has had a good season. Even though they were not undefeated, they felt confident that their performances at the meets were good. Although flipping around on a little piece of wood isn't the smartest thing to do, running full speed into a bigger piece of wood known as the vault isn't too bright either, but you don't see the girls complaining. -Ashlee Christian

Photo: Root

"This year has been great; our team has really come together, and I will miss everyone a lot." --Varsity Captain Ricki Brown ('01)

Photo: Root

Jumping high, Joanna Park ('03) makes sure to get that tuck jump just right...and not to crotch the beam on the way down.

Photo: Ashlee Christian

Sabrina Gellman

*Varsity Captain ('01)
"This season everyone has come together to become the best team we've ever been. It's like having 20 sisters to encourage you every step of the way. I am really going to miss them."

Photo: Ashley Christian

Top left: Ricki Brown ('01) and Jaclyn Eisman ('02) share an enthusiastic high-five after a good performance at "A Star is Born" invitational.
Above: Concentrating hard on the bar, Renee Krolczyk ('03) remembers to keep her toes pointed, and her arms straight.

Photo: Rossi

JV/VARSITY: Front: Cheryl Kachka, Shirley Trinh, Joanna Park 2nd: Renee Krolczyk, Anna Kaplunov, Nicole Speropoulos, Sabrina Gellman, Elizabeth Trinh, Ashlee Christian Back: Kyleen Garcia, Coach Brandon Tucker, Coach Pamela Foerch, Coach Laura Oroni, Ashleigh Bushman Not Pictured: Ricki Brown, Lindsey Kestler, Jaclyn Eiseman

Photo: Rossi

FRESHMAN: Front: Yagna Pathak, Lidiya Azaryayeva, Jacqueline Snowsky 2nd: Valerie Krynski, Sarah Rodeghero, Loreen Targos, Blair Rudd, Chelsea Sher Back: Misako Rivera, Jorie Glassner, Coach Pamela Foerch, Elena Boyarsky, Mary Chernyak Not Pictured: Monika Bak

HOCKEY

West and North Unite in Common Goal of Defeat...

A major theme of the Niles Township Nighthawks is their unison, despite being comprised of West and North students. Making this theme all the more impressive is the team's winning record of 22-4-3.

"Each season we set goals and though not all of them are met, the ability of our team to come together and work as one, as opposed to cross-town rival, always surprises me," commented Captain Robert Nelson ('01).

During their season the Nighthawks participated in the Sheboygan Tournament as well as, the Blackhawks Tournament. Not only do the Nighthawks prevail in their conference and non-conference tournaments during their regular season, they also dominate in the spring season. -Amy Rainey

Photo Courtesy of Debbie Cooper

"I feel we deserve more recognition from West. North supports the Nighthawks in many ways, while West doesn't acknowledge us very much." --Herbert Bartlett ('01)

Photo: Amy Rainey

Captain Robert Nelson speeds across the ice to receive a pass from a teammate during a trying game against Carey Grove. The Nighthawks then went on to defeat Carey Grove.

Photos: Amy Rainey

Robert Nelson

Senior, Captain
"Each season we set goals and though not all of them are met, the ability of our team to come together and work as one unit, as opposed to cross-town rivals, always surprises me."

Photo: Amy Rainey

Captain Ben Fiddler (Niles North) faces off against a Crystal Lake South opponent just before he gains control of the puck and scores a goal.

Photo: Amy Rainey

Top Left: Defensive player Herbert Bartlett ('01) steals the puck from a Fenwick contender and prepares to pass it to a teammate. Left: Nighthawks players gather before an imperative Fenwick game to plan game strategies.

Photo: Courtesy of Debbie Cooper

Front: Josh Cooper, Ricky Straka, Aki Othomo Second: Sean Codd, Ben Fiddler, Robert Nelson, Eddie Montgomery, Alexander Elman, Keith Zander Last: Marty Weisman, Bill Andrews, Raul Bravo, Herbert Bartlett, Jordan Delacruz, Sean Martin, Coach George Caroll Not Pictured: Leah Federman

BOYS' SOCCER

"Ole, ole, ole, ole...Ole, ole, . . ."

Many talents are needed to play the game of soccer. You must first have the individual skills of dribbling, passing, and shooting the ball. However, soccer isn't only about talent and skill. For a team to become successful, it must have cooperation and teamwork. One person cannot lead a team into a state championship; it has to come from a whole group of people, willing to work their hardest and do the best that they can. This year, the Varsity Soccer Team showed a lot of talent. But what was more important was that the team worked well together. According to Chris Limjoco ('02), "Our record did not accurately reflect our team, but we really played well. In our game against Maine South, the final score was 0-0, but this game was our best performance. We played together as a team, and played soccer the way it is supposed to be played." Having inspiration not only from the coaches, but from other teammates as well, helps people to succeed. Captain Nick Halkias ('01) stated, "The whole team was close off the field and motivation from Jon Berkley inspired me to do well." --Marissa Spitz

Team Record	Team Captains	Team Awards
Varsity: 9-0-5 **JV:** 1-7-1 **Sophomore:** 11-7-1 **Frosh A:** 13-6-2 **Frosh B:** 3-4-1	Nick Halkias Mike Rose Sage Griesing	**Niles West Zeedyk Tournament:** 1st Place **Conference:** 5th Place **Sectionals:** 6th Place

Photo: Courtesy of West Word

"What inspires me are the great soccer players that played before me. Following in their footsteps and trying to be like them is a great inspiration."--Christopher Limjoco ('01)

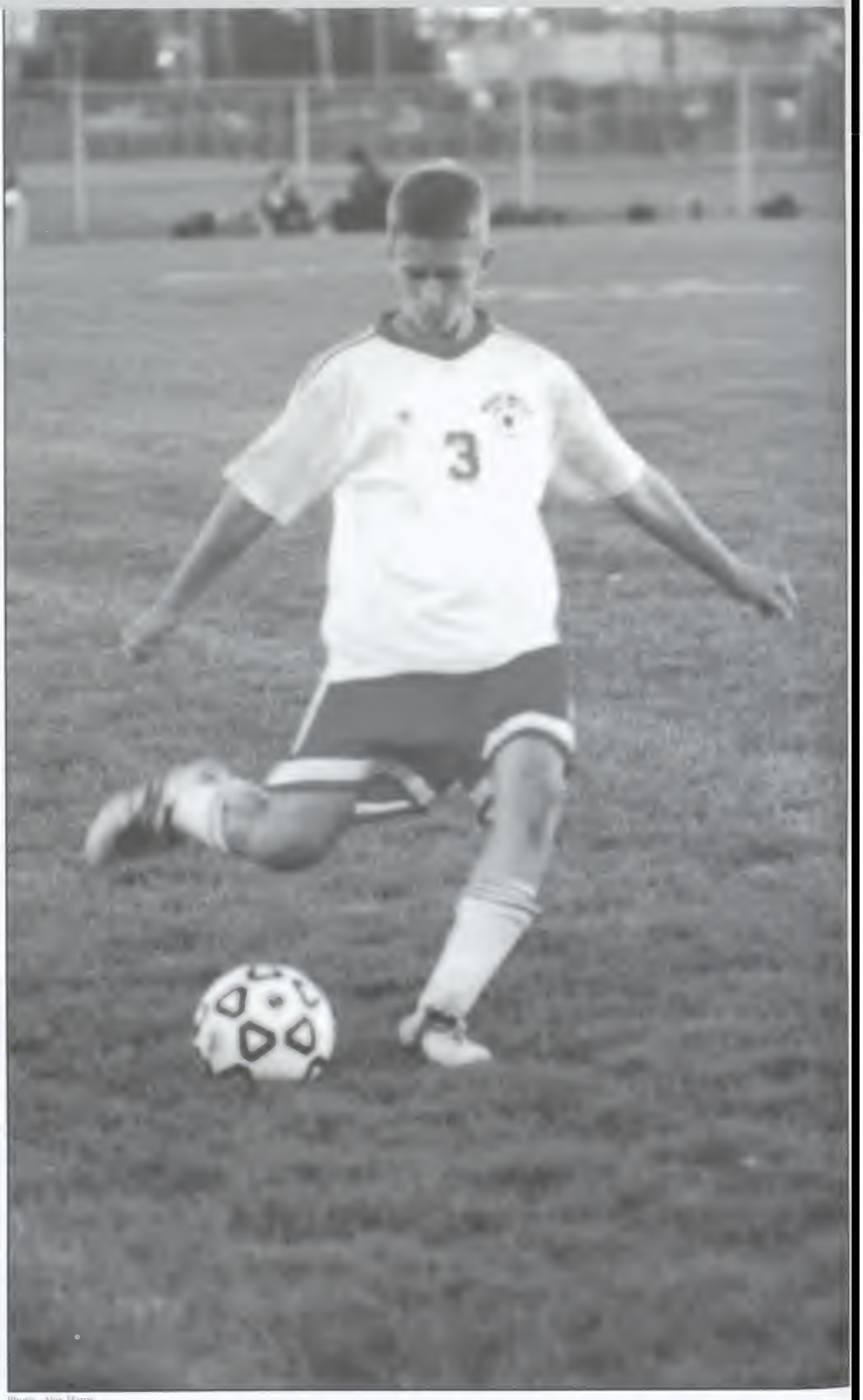


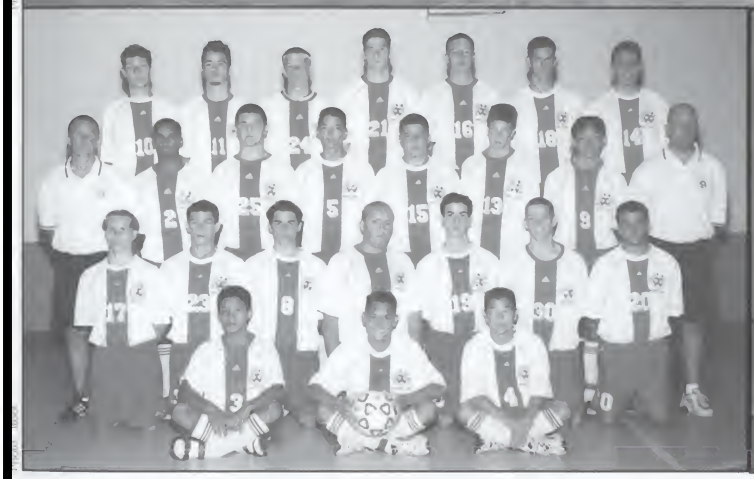
Photo: Alex Harris

With perfect form, David Hawk ('03) boots the ball down the field. In this game, the sophomore team defeated Glenbrook North with a score of 1-0.

Photo: Rost

Brandon Mita

*Junior Midfielder
*2nd year on varsity
"I like to play soccer because of the thrill of our team showing a competitive edge playing ranked teams like New Trier and Evanston."



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JV/VARSITY: Front: Jed Serrano, Christopher Limjoco, Jeremy Kawakami 2nd: Thomas Rusak, Daniel Poloz, Nicholas Halkias (captain), Manuel Arredondo, Stanley Berezhanskiy, Jonathan Berkley, Billy Frigelis 3rd: Coach Scott Ackman, Kaushal Patel, Daniel Subotich, Brandon Mita, Sage Greising (captain), Adam Hayden, Michael Rose (captain), Coach Chris Schwarz Back: Damir Dulas, Mircea Mandea, Richard Houston, David Berkley, Matt Olchawa, David Schmidt, Nicholas Gazis

SOPHOMORE: Front: Tyler Heidtke, Geogy Vennikandathil, George Halkias, David Hawk 2nd: Charles Lambropoulos, Aby Karottu, Stephen Stone, Adil Kolovic, Alex Gikas, Daniel Anderson Back: Coach Brett Clish, Ian Sutherland, Tony Buljubasic, Roberto Jaimes, Michael Verissimo

Photo: Courtesy of West Word

FRESHMAN: Front: Joseph Sirbu, Kevin Garstki, Steve Kang, Adrian Lovera 2nd: Albert Tamondong, Scott Mita, Bowen Chow, Othon Gomez, Edward Kim, Benjamin Kim, Jorge Perez, Michael Margolis, Hristos Tirovolas Back: Coach Chris Barnett, Matthew Flink, Eli Barba, Nick Tarzian, Carlos Zarate, David Solovastru, Michael Rosin, Coach Seong Bong Ha

Top Left: Goalkeeper Michael Verissimo ('03) throws the ball to a teammate after making a great save against Glenbrook North. Verissimo was moved up to varsity later in the season. Left: Forward Jeremy Kawakami ('01) takes the ball away from a Niles North defender. West lost this game, but previously beat North to win the Zeedyk tournament.

GIRLS' SOCCER

Get Your Kicks. . .

Despite the record of the Girls' Varsity Soccer team, many good things came out of the season. The team came back with six returning varsity members. In total, the team consisted of four seniors, two juniors, eight sophomores, and three freshmen. Key players on the team included Lee Gross ('00) and Laura Gross ('02) who were named All Conference players, and Chayil Wiedeman ('01), who joined the Gross sisters to be named the All Sectional Honorable Mention players. Another key player on the team last year was Eileen Ouska ('03), who was the leading scorer with six goals. Last but not least, Marissa Spitz ('02) lead the team with five assists and also had two goals during the season.

Even though the team contained girls from all classes, everyone got along and had fun. Laura Gross commented, "We bonded as a team well. There weren't any cliques like we have had in the past years. It was the best season by far." --Marissa Spitz

Team Records	Varsity Captains	Team Awards
Varsity: 5-11-6	Lee Gross Laura Gross Chayil Wiedeman	**Niles West Tournament:** 4th place
JV: 10-9-4		**Wisconsin-Parkside Tournament:** 3rd place
Freshman: 4-9-1		**Conference:** 5th place

Photo: Courtesy of Scott Ackman

"Most girls only started playing soccer recently and they all did extremely well. Every girl worked hard to improve and we were very competetive."
--Coach ScottAckman

Photo: Jennifer Gorski

Chayil Wiedeman ('01) has fun at practice. "When I look at great athletes who have mastered the game (soccer), I am inspired to be as good as they are and to work as hard as they do."

Photo: Jennifer Gorski

Andrea Roiniotis

Sophomore goalie who had 126 total saves. "The competitiveness of the teams inspires me to do well. If you don't work hard, you won't be able to keep up with the teams you play. It's not all about winning, but it's not fun to lose all the time."

VARSITY: Front: Kary Zarate, Alex Harris, Chayil Wiedeman, Allison Coorlas 2nd: Corinne O'Reilly, Rebecca Donnelly, Marissa Spitz, Andrea Roiniotis, Martha Kang, Kelly Tracey, JiHae Kim Back: Coach Heidi Baran, Ashleigh Bushman, Lee Gross, Allison Putt, Laura Gross, Katarina Jeremic, Eileen Ouska, Coach Scott Ackman

Photo: Rock

JV: Front: Kelly Zehner, Maya Stevanovic, Estera Negru, Ida Plaza, Susie Shin 2nd: Sandra Borto, Catherine Ju, Kathryn Stock, Bogumila Krolczyk, Christine Dimoulis, Emnet Gebrehiiwet, Nicolette Lambropoulos Back: Jennifer Gorski, Samantha Espinosa, Lia Faulkner, Meagan Moyer, Alison Stephans, Coach Peter Zorn

FRESHMAN: Front: Emily Maggi, Katie Kriticos, Ellinore Marquez, Kelley Stein, Kathy Benetatos, Devin Jaremus 2nd: Nida Shakir, Joan Lazar, Megan Burns, JasnaVojcic, Jacqueline Gaode, Michelle Rosienski, Christina Mandou Back: Coach Dawn Jacobs, Jennifer Fortman, Sophia Drosos, Nicole Vasquez, Kelly Keller, Katherine Stachowicz, Chloe Neims, Kerry Janesku

Photo: Jennifer Gorski

Top Left: At a game vs. Maine East, the varsity team celebrates after a goal is scored. Left: Ashleigh Bushman ('02) perfects her fancy footwork. "Soccer not only keeps me in shape, but gives me a goal to work for outside of school."

SOFTBALL

Hit...Run...Score...

What time is it?...Game time huh!" If you ever attended a Niles West girls' varsity softball game, you would have been sure to hear these words before the start of every game. Coach Ramseyer was satisfied with the work ethic of his players. "There was not a girl on the team who did not give 110% every day." These efforts enabled them to achieve second in Conference. Looking back on the season, one game stands out. "I will never forget the fifteen inning Regional Semifinal game against New Trier," said Pamela Quinn ('01). Julie Muszynski ('01) remembers "the tension built as the innings continued with the score still tied. Whoever scored, would win the game." Even though the girls ended up losing the game, it is still seen as one of their best efforts of the season. --Lauren Curry

Team Record	Team Captains	Team Awards
Overall: 16 wins 18 losses **Conference:** 7 wins 3 losses	Lynn Hohs Julie Muszynski Kelly O'Reilly	**Walter Cocking Tournament:** 3rd place **Conference:** 2nd place

Photo: Rod

"No matter what our relationship is off the field, we always come together as a team." --Karen Hohs ('02)

Photo: Courtesy of Life Newspaper

Safe! Maine South third baseman watches as Lana Emerson ('01) beats the ball to the base.

Photo: Lauren Curry

Photo: Courtesy of Life Newspaper

Lynn Hohs

Captain
All Conference
Team's Most Valuable Player
"Pitching is an important part of the game. When I pitch well, my team has a better chance to win."

Photo: Root

VARSITY: Front: Lea Bingayen, Karen Hohs, Lauren Curry 2nd: Kelly O'Reilly, Pamela Quinn, Lynn Hohs, Julie Muszynski, Leah Federman, Heather Hohs Back: Coach Susan Padilla, Meghan Kearns, Kyleen Garcia, Lana Emerson, Christina Conrad, Kimberly Stephans, Coach Steve Ramseyer

Photo: Root

JV: Front: Anita Kaimal, Vivian Khabeer, Therese Manzanero 2nd: Jacqueline Khoury, Diana Gelfand, Guinevere Biederer, Lindsay Perlen, Nicole Speropolous, Melissa Siegel Back: Coach Lynn Curylo, Kathie Kozlowski, Debra Borkenhagen, Jennifer Gianos, Sharon Wolf, Carrie Poulsom, Coach Margaret Donnelly

Photo: Root

Photo: Courtesy of West Word

Top Left: Lynn Hohs ('01) pitched a perfect game against Evanston. Coach Ramseyer and her teammates celebrate her accomplishment. Left: Getting ready for a play at the plate, catcher Kyleen Garcia ('01) sets up for a throw. "Our defense was consistent, which accounted for many of our wins," explained Garcia.

FRESHMAN: Front: Catherine Superdock, Emily Scheler, Colleen Corrigan, Christine Carnate 2nd: Heather Johnson, Megan Stark, Beeta Azarnoosh, Brianne Sander, Christine Depaolis, Jodi Henriksen Back: Nicolette Larsen, Caroline Topolinski, Coach Ray Carr, Nicole Jeans, Anna Chaiken

BOYS' SWIMMING & DIVING

Wetter is Better...

Two of the four swimming and diving coaches are new this year. Dan Vander Jeugdt coaches the JV team and came from Barrington High School. Because he lives in Crystal Lake, Vander Jeugdt has to wake up at four o'clock in the morning to drive to school for early practice. Vander Jeugdt explained, "I like to watch swimmers improve from day one to the end of the season." The Varsity Team is led by Keith MacDonald, who came from Northwestern University. MacDonald has been coaching swimming for 11 years, and has coached many successful swimmers including NCAA All-Americans. "I like coaching this sport because I enjoy working with and motivating enthusiastic, young swimmers," stated MacDonald. The new coaches already have had a great impact on the team, which has a winning record in their dual and triangular meets, and has sent a couple of swimmers and divers to the state finals. Both coaches look forward to many more years of coaching a great team at Niles West.
--Marissa Spitz

Photo: Marissa Spitz

"The excitement of competition motivates me to do great and improve my skills."--Danil Rybalko ('02)

Photo: Marissa Spitz

Louis Torres ('01) demonstrates his motivational dance before competing in the 100 breaststroke at New Trier. Torres placed 5th in this event at the state finals last year.

Photo: Marissa Spitz

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Stefan Staev

*Senior swimmer
*6th place in 100 backstroke at 2000 Sectionals
*In state qualifying 400 freestyle relay in 2000.
" My motivation comes from coaches and teammates. Setting goals and trying to reach them is most important."

Photo: Marissa Spitz

Mircea Mandea ('01) approaches the board and concentrates on completing his next dive. Diving is a hard sport in which concentration means everything.

Photo: Marissa Spitz

Left: During a swim meet at New Trier, the coaches wait anxiously to see who will win the next race. Top Left: With no one near him, John Schutt ('01) swims the 200 freestyle with ease. Schutt currently holds the school record time for this event.

Photo: Root

Front: Sam Lane, Anton German, Shaun Guardino, Adrian Lovera, George Kinas, Yuriy Elkin, Yevgeniy Magdel, Matt Massoth, Michael Noonan, Bowen Chow, Matthew Torres, Chris Bostetter, Jesse Footlik 2nd: David Mai, Aaron Cohn, Armand Ladlad, Andreas Christopoulos, Jeff Balin, Robert Ruber, Danil Rybalko, Paul Bialobrzewski, Christopher Borcoman, William Kleyman, Blerim Delisi, Michael Horvath 3rd: Coach Joe Neumayer, Coach Dan Vander Jeugdt, Alex Babin, William Chiang, Christopher Gajda, Michael Mueller, George Gates, David Solovastru, Michael Grossman, Coach Keith MacDonald, Coach Louis Torres Back: Marissa Spitz (manager), Louis Torres (captain), Stefan Staev, Christofer Bialobrzewski, Ryan Kinslow, John Schutt (captain), Luka Bacal, Nicholas Gazis, Marko Kljajic, Allison Putt (manager)

GIRLS' SWIMMING & DIVING

"Gimme a yell, gimme a yell . . ."

131, 040 minutes, approximately 91 days of swimming in the season. Of those 2,184 hours, the girls on the swim team swam a total of 245.5 hours and had 18 total hours training in the weight room. Most people don't realize how hard the sport of swimming actually is. Four times a week, the girls practice at 5:45 in the morning. Energy is constantly needed for these tough morning practices. "It's hard never seeing the light of day. It's pitch black outside when I leave my house, and it's dark outside when I leave the school after practice," said Chizu Rivera ('02). Bagels were an everyday treat after morning practice, however. "Everyone always looked forward to the end of practice because we always had juice and bagels. No one usually eats breakfast so it's nice to have some food in the morning," said Beeta Azarnoosh ('03). All of the tough morning workouts did, in fact, payoff for the girls, helping many individuals become very successful. --Marissa Spitz

Team Records	Team Captains	Team Awards
Varsity: 3-6 **JV** 2-6 **Frosh:** 2-6	Katherine Maclennan Siobhan Holmes Marilee Erickson Allison Putt	**GBS Relays:** 5th Place **Hersey Jamboree:** 9th Place **GBN Invitational:** 5th Place **Conference:** 5th Place **Sectionals:** 7th Place

Photo: Rest

"The most memorable night was against Evanston when we broke 7 J.V. records." --Coach Dan Vander Jeugdt

Photo: Marissa Spitz

At the girls' first dual meet against Highland Park, Jaqueline Snowsky ('04), practices her relay start. All of the relay teams swam better times than at last year's sectional meet.

Photo: Marissa Spitz

Photo: Beeta Azamoosh

Lindsey Kestler

Senior Diver
Placed 2nd at CSL conference meet, named All-Conference
Placed 9th at Sectional Meet

Photo: Beeta Azamoosh

Photo: Jenn Gorski

Top Left: "One little, two little, three little Indians..." is one of the many cheers that help the team get pumped up for meets. Left: Marissa Spitz ('02) takes a breath of fresh air during a tough practice.

Photo: Roo

After placing 5th at the GBN College Events Invitational, the relay team of Ina Buric ('04), Chizu Rivera ('02), Marilee Erickson ('02), and Allison Putt ('02) smile for the camera.

Front: Slava Bekker, Rana Rayan, Marilee Erickson, Rachel Waddick, Katarzyna Undas, Teresa Lim, Kelly Zehner, Tina Gabriel, Jasmine Nieves 2nd; Manager George Gates, Margaret Wattenbarger, Kari Chaiken, Chizu Rivera, Ingrid Kocjan, Sandra Borto, Rachel West, Heather Benson, Carmen Mandou, Manager Danil Rybalko 3rd; Loreen Targos, Marissa Spitz, Beela Azarnoosh, Coach Hope Kracht, Coach Dan Vander Jeugdt, Coach Louis Torres, Kimberly Branham, Marta Franczak, Lindsey Kestler 4th; Nicole Large, Christine DePaolis, Rebecca Zavelovich, Alexandra Corcoran, Ina Buric, Jennifer Eng, Jessica Frank, Siobhan Holmes Back: Anna Chaiken, Shwetha Jinkala, Katherine MacLennan, Stephanie Sanders, Allison Putt, Jenny Powell, Alisa Kusolvisitkul

BOYS' TENNIS

Swinging High. . .

Over 100 m.p.h. serves, powerful forehand and backhand swings, and quick volleys make tennis an intense and exciting game to watch and play. "I just want to play and have fun," said Dan Byun ('01). This is the attitude the team carried during the season to help them get through many difficult times. With this positive outlook the team went far and had some good results. The Varsity team placed 5th out of 16 teams at the District 88 Tournament. "We beat Evanston 4-3 this year," said Coach Wilson. According to Wilson, the victory was one of the most memorable moments of the year. The team looks forward to the upcoming season and the challenges it presents. --Thomas Bae

Team Record	Team Captains	Team Awards
Overall: 4 wins and 8 loses **Conference:** 2 wins and 3 loses 5th in Conference	Ed Cha	**MVP:** Ed Cha **IHSA Scholar Athlete:** Ben Horwitz **Ken Rosen Award:** Steve Lee **Ed Ernst Award:** Ben Horwitz **CSL All Academic:** Ben Horwitz, Steve Lee, Mike Brunner, Phil Bae, Ed Cha, Geoff Sabin **NIAA Academic Award:** Ben Horwitz **Swanson Award:** Ben Horwitz

Photo: Thomas Bae

"Tennis is a lifelong sport. It feels good to introduce the younger players to the sport and by the time they reach their senior year, to have had the chance to see the improvement over three years."--Coach Brad Wilson

Photo: Courtesy of West Word

The sky's the limit when it comes to improving your game. Thomas Bae ('01) has improved his service game tremendously since his freshman year.

Photo: Reina Uhler

Photo: Courtesy of West Word

Ben Horwitz

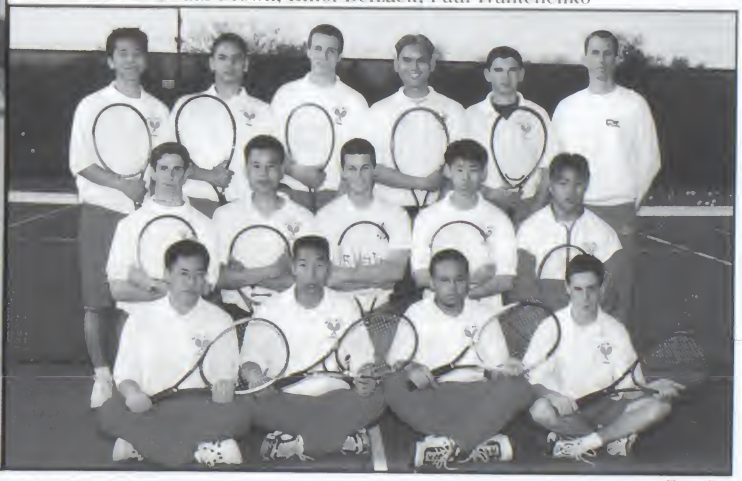
Year: 2000
IHSA Scholar Athlete
Ed Ernst Award Winner
Central Suburban League All Academic
NIAA Academic Award Winner
Swanson Award Winner

Photo: Reina Uhler

Top Left: Eugene Gekhter ('01) watches in disbelief while Steve Lee ('00) flubs this volley. Usually Steve plays with a high level of intensity and with few errors which is why he played second doubles during the season. Above: Issac Kagan ('00) looks on as Aaron Cohn ('02) practices his forearm. Aaron puts a lot of effort into improving his game by taking lessons during the off season.

Photo: Root

FROSH-SOPH: Front: Jed Serrano, Richard Stanislaus, Brad Sacher, David Warda-Van Roeyen, Jeremy Klein 2nd: Ronson Yong, Jerry Lambrinatos, Armand Ladlad, Mike Hua, Suneeth Samuel, Robert Yavitch, Todd Matten Back: Eddie Schuller, Steve Thomas, Brandon Mita, David Schmidt, Coach Ron Gralewski, Paul Brown, Elliot Berzack, Paul Ivantchenko



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VARSITY: Front: Philip Bae, Edward Cha, Marc Castillo, Benjamin Horwitz 2nd: Aaron Cohn, Steven Lee, Michael Brunner, Thomas Bae, Phillip Yu Back: Dan Byun, Alberto Saberbein-Garcia, Geoffrey Sabin, Ian Cuenco, Eugene Gekhter, Coach Brad Wilson

GIRLS' TENNIS

Smashing Baby, Yea...

We ate a lot..."said Melissa Motel('02) as she recounts the team's traditions before or after games. In fact, they did eat a lot, which is quite appropriate for the Girl's Tennis Team. They need all the energy they can get. With racket in one hand and a little green tennis ball in the other, the team smashed its way into the season. Overall, the team performed well, a little better than they had expected. The varsity team won eight out of their thirteen games, and they placed first at the Willowbrook Invite. They also sent Melissa Motel, Khushbu Mehta, and Seyma Ahmad to state. The girls obviously have a lot of passion for the sport; tennis is not just something you pick up and become great at overnight. "The fact that I've put so much time of my life into it," is what Melissa Motel says inspires her to do well. It takes a lot of practice and a positive attitude. The only regret most team members have is that they did not do much as a team outside the court. Regardless of their after-tennis activities, the team still managed to be unified and companionable. This shows in the success of the season and in the attitudes of the team towards their sport... running many, many laps, keeping a positive attitude, and eating...a lot. --Ashlee Christian

Team Record	Team Captains	Team Awards
8-5	Khushbu Mehta Seyma Ahmad	**Willowbrook Invite:** 1st Place

Photo: Root

"My cousin, who was on the team a couple of years ago, made state all four years, and was ranked number one. This makes me strive to do better." --Jean Mok ('03)

Photo: Root

Is Joyce Ko ('03) carefully keeping her eye on the ball, or just aimlessly looking into space? The world may never know.

Khushbu Mehta

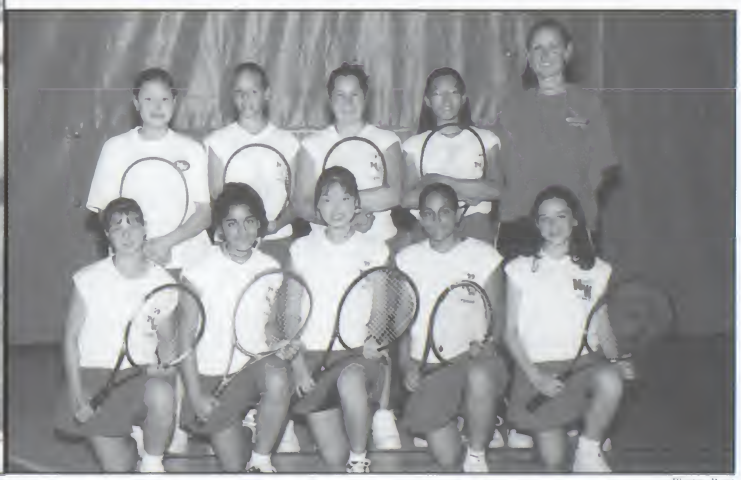
Senior, Captain
"I've been playing tennis since I was seven so it's just a natual thing for me now."

Photo: Andriana Matanic

Top Left: Melissa Motel ('02) knows that concentration is the key to tennis. Above: A little tennis equals a lot of ice. As with any sport, Jean Mok ('03) knows the value of a little ice before a big game.

Photo: Root

VARSITY: Front: Jean Mok, Rita Koganzon, Melissa Motel, Kate Edelson, Jamie David Back: Seyma Ahmad, Khushbu Mehta, Elizabeth Brunner, Michelle Siroko, Angela Cox, Coach Kristin Thompson



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JV: Front: Maria Yankova, Sandra Goyal, Joyce Ko, Arshia Ali, Jessica Pravnik Back: Helen Kang, Aimee Toren, Blaine Goldflies, Stephannie Kwon, Coach Amber Lange

BOYS' TRACK & FIELD

Giving It Your All...

What comes to mind when you think of Track and Field? Sprinting, relays, running, discus, shot put, and pole vault are just some of the events in Track and Field, which require speed and agility. Track and Field does not only consist of running. Eddie Aponte ('01) calls Track, "the greatest sport ever." Although Track and Field requires hard training, a high level of fitness, and grueling practices, there are times to let loose, enjoy your teammates, and have fun. Aponte remembers such a moment at practice. "It was raining hard one day and we still had to practice outside. What made it easier was that Coach Egofske dove head first into the mud. It made us forget about the rain." These memories and team accomplishments are just a part of the great experience of participating in Track and Field. --Kate Miyamoto

Team Record	Team Captains	Team Awards
Varsity: 74-39	Drew Gazis Andreas Lorenz Jim Lombardo Eddie Aponte Sean Bieschke Joe DiMaria Jason Grover Ryan Kinslow Kaushal Patel Fred Javier Sergio Papillon	**Niles West Invite:** 7th out of 10 & 2nd out of 8 **Prospect Relays:** 2nd out of 10 **Andrew Invite:** 8th out of 6 **Foreman Invite:** 1st out of 10 **Gans Invite:** 8th out of 11 **York Sectional:** 9th out of 17
Sophomores: 94-4		
Freshman: 77-11		

Photo: Reed

"We had a great season. We finished with records above 0.50 at all levels. We are anticipating competing for the conference title and qualifying for the State Championships in 2001." --Joseph DiMaria ('01)

Photo: Rema Uhler

Five...Four...Three...Two...One. Nicholas Gazis ('01) lauches the discus across the field.

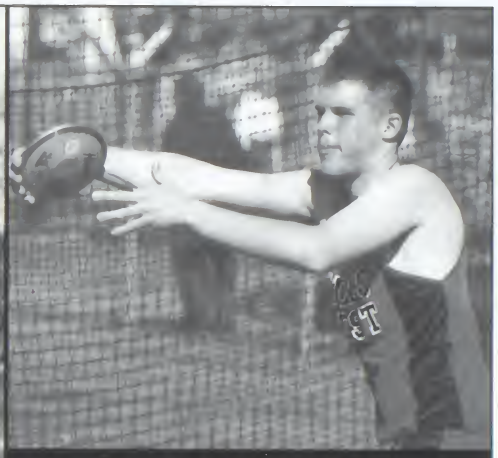

Photo: Courtesy of Ryan Kinslow

Ryan Kinslow

Senior, Team Captain
Discus
Placed third in sectionals
Broke a 33 year old record in discus
Missed State qualification by only 6 inches

Photo: Reed

VARSITY: Front: Geogy Vennikandathil, George Halkias, Aaron Sullivan, Craig Kaneshiro, Bryan Serrano 2nd: Eddie Aponte, Mark Siegel, Michael Allen, Joe Isho, Christopher Regidor, Leo Murokh, Emmanuel Simon 3rd: Snehal Patel, Frederick Javier, Alexander Elman, Anatoliy Rudin, Saif Al-Hamid, Kaushal Patel, George Travlos, James Lombardo 4th: Sean Bieschke, Joseph DiMaria, Peter Svenson, Yoon Lee, Sergio Papillon, Adrian Lorincz, Nicholas Gazis Back: Drew Gazis, Charles Williams, Ryan Kinslow, David Berkley, Alex Filin, Eric Davidson

SOPHOMORE: Front: Bryan Serrano, John Park, Geogy Vennikandathil, Craig Kaneshiro, George Halkias, Jimmy Servasilis, Kevin Henrick, Farhan Tariq 2nd: Emmanuel Simon, Derylle De Vera, Anil Philip, Pichaya Pataramekin, Martin Camargo, Mark Siegel, Christopher Regidor, Robert Rosati, Aaron Sullivan 3rd: Dino Kalabogias, Lonnie Williams, Frederick Javier, Paul Rosario, Snehal Patel, Joe Isho, Amit Khatkhate, Michael Allen 4th: Nicholas Kapsalis, James Ralph, Saif Al-Hamid, Anwaar Hussaini, Alexander Elman, William Chiang, Michael Verissimo 5th: Sage Greising, Peter Svenson, David Kopf, Anton Mykhaylova, Sergio Papillon, Greg O'Brien Back: Eric Johnson, Charles Williams, David Johanson, Alex Filin, Eric Davidson

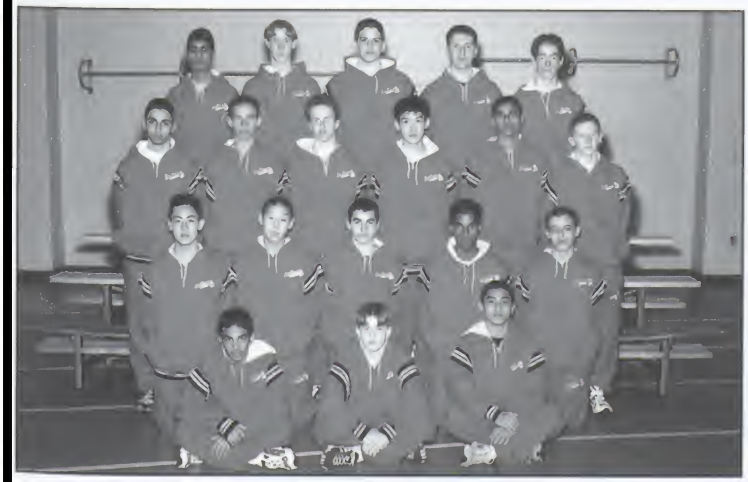

Photo: Reina Uhler

Top Left: Martin Camargo ('02) successfully clears the bar, landing safely. Camargo's specialty is the high jump. He frequently placed 2nd in most competitions. Left: Close on his opponent's trail, Eric Davidson ('02) gives his all on the last lap of the relay race.

FRESHMAN: Front: Farhan Tariq, Kevin Henrick, Bryan Serrano 2nd: Craig Kaneshiro, John Park, George Halkias, Geogy Vennikandathil, Jimmy Servasilis 3rd: Dino Kalabogias, Michael Verissimo, James Ralph, William Chiang, Snehal Patel, Aaron Sullivan Back: Saif Al-Hamid, Eric Johnson, David Kopf, Anton Mykhalova, Alexander Elman

GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD

Runnin' Around. . .

Successful only barely describes how the season went for the Girls' Track and Field team. An amazing group of hard-working and committed girls had a great season breaking records, winning invitationals, and even sending six girls to the state meet. The team placed 2nd and 3rd in the conference for the indoor and outdoor seasons. Key members of the team included Alisa Kusolvisitkul ('03) who broke the school records in the 100 meter hurdles and high jump. Stephanie Burak ('00) not only broke the school record, but placed 21st at the state meet for the 800 meter run. Chizu Rivera ('02) broke the record for the 400 meter run. Joining Burak and Rivera were Erica Kim ('02) and Carolyn Aler ('01), who broke the school record and placed 3rd in state for the 4x800 meter relay. Coach Medland stated, "I've always enjoyed the challenge Track and Field presents to the athletes. Because we have a team of girls with a strong desire for success, coaching has been a wonderful experience. It's great to work for a group of athletes that are so willing to strive for acheivement."--Marissa Spitz

Team Record	Team Captains	Team Awards
Varsity: 5-0 **JV:** 2-2	Stephanie Burak Cathy Chutipisalkul Kathryn Leisner	**Conference:** 3rd Place **Sectionals:** 1th Place **State:** 34th Place

Photo: Reina Uhler

"A lot of people think that we're crazy for running around the track all day. But it's the feeling you get after an event you did well in that makes it all worthwile." --Beth Gartski ('01)

Photo: Reina Uhler

After throwing the discus, Elizabeth Brunner ('02) looks to see where it landed. Brunner was one of the many girls who helped the team come in 3rd place at the outdoor conference meet.

Photo: Courtesy of West Word

Alisa Kusolvisitkul

Sophomore Hurdler and High Jumper
Placed 12th for the 100 meter hurdles at the State track meet.
"I like track because it's fun. I get into great shape and I'm able to succeed."

Photo: Reena Chiler

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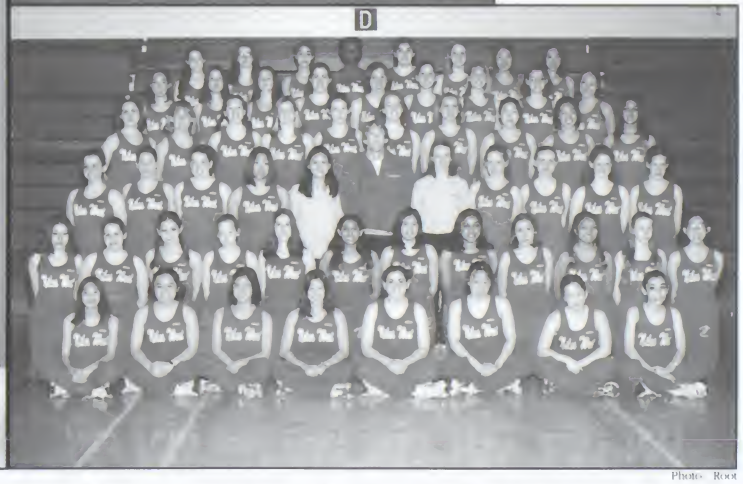
Top Left: Chizu Rivera ('02) sprints past a girl from New Trier. Rivera lead her 4x800 meter relay team to a 1st place finish at the sectional meet at Buffalo Grove. Left: Tanya Dudkina ('03) shows great form in the 100 meter hurdles in the CSL conference meet.



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Christine Gloriosa ('02) shows a look of determination as she tries to jump over the high jump bar. Team spirit and support from the coaches help her get through tough meets

GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD: Front: Ak Paramadilok, Marjoy Carnate, Crystal Calayag, Catheriya Chutipisalkul, Kathryn Leisner, Stephanie Burak, Ramona Chao, Lori Sahakian 2nd: Diana Bella, Margaret Wattenbarger, Chizu Rivera, Beth Garstki, Milica Ciemil, Ramy Phillippose, Melissa Villegas, Tina Sheth, Dorine Bella, Shiney Korattiyil, Tanya Dudkina, Teresa Lim 3rd: Svilena Balabanova, Amy Pisula, Irina Uk, Lesley Ladlad, Coach Emily de Guzman, Coach Mark Medland, Coach Anne Beatty-Heselton, Emily Norris, Tanya Baltsevitch, Suzanne Ryan, Stephanie Stilling 4th: Vanessa Poladin, Sarah Lisle, Gina Goodfriend, Jennifer King, Monika Klincewicz, Margaret Hellum, Elizabeth Brunner, Jessica Song, Jhemma Castro, Karina Shah Back: Lorraine Ishida, Ira Evangelou, Catherine Kowalczyk, Margaret Leisner, Carolyn Aler, Maggie Evangelou, Victoria Quillen, Elizabeth Leisner, Erica Kim Back: Christine Gloriosa, Kathryn Ernst, Stavroula Melissaratos, Nicole Lamarr, Aggeliki Gikas, Sabrina Ehmke, Esther Ko, Alisa Kusolvisitkul

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Goin' Fast For the Kill...

Where would you go to see a fast, powerful, and exciting game? The boys' volleyball games are exactly the events that will give spectators what they want to see. The team provides the audience with bumps, sets, and the fastest, most powerful kills ever. West holds second place in the Evanston Tournament and is the Regional Champion for the second year in a row. Headed by Coach Sinnick and team captains Daniel Deja ('00) and Tony Kim ('00), the Varsity Boys' Volleyball team leaves its fans wanting to see more action. "Our team plays well because we are friends in and out of the court," said Nick Halkias ('01).

"They have great team chemistry with a combination of seniors, juniors, and one sophomore," commented Coach Sinnick.

Three people who bring honor to the team are All Conference Players Daniel Deja ('00), Jon Yoon ('01), and Edward Choe ('01).
--Blance Evangelista

Team Record	Team Captains	Team Awards
Varsity: 6-4 **JV:** 18-6 **Freshman:** 8-3	Daniel Deja Tony Kim	**Conference:** 3rd Place; **Regional:** Champions 2000 **New Trier Tournament:** 4th of 16 teams **Conference:** South Champions

Photo: Adeeb Ansari

"The greatest moment of the season was defeating the #3 ranked Evanston High at our last home game."--Edward Choe ('01) #15

Photo: Phil Molotis

Top Right: Trying to maintain good control of the ball, Jonathan Berkley ('01) successfully completes a bump pass. Above: Dan Deja ('00) concentrates as he tosses the ball for an overhead serve.

Photo: Fred Matias

Photo: Adeel Ahsan

Daniel Deja

This 6'5" graduate is the captain of the Varsity team and an All Conference Player. Dan is MVP for the 2000 season, and is in the All-State Special Mention Team.

Photo: Courtesy of Jenifer Sinnick

VARSITY: Front: Michael Rose, Wilbur Salvacion, Coach Jenifer Sinnick, Edward Choe, John Ray Asistores Back: Tony Kim, Jon-Michael Kriticos, Brian Hong, Daniel Deja, Jon Yoon, Michael Kim, Daniel Kim

Photo: Courtesy of Teri Langston

JV: Front: Christopher Kimura, Tony Thomas, Adi Hadzimuratovic, Edward Paramadilok 2nd Row: Jonathan Berkley, Adam Hayden, Derrick DeVera, Abraham Kim, Marko Kljajic, Nicholas Halkias Back Row: Anthony Nevalga, Jeremy Will, Coach Teri Langston, Peter Nelson, Victor So

Photo: Courtesy of Gary Davis

FRESHMAN B: Front: Jonathan Hester, Maulin Shah, Aby Karottu, Jan-Michael Panlilio 2nd Row: Alex Gikas, Tarang Patel, Adil Kolovic, Paul Kuk, Dino Hadzimuratovic Back: Coach Gary Davis, Afan Tariq, Daniel Park, Mohammad Mohiuddin, Darek Bacal, Coach Molly Ranquist

Photo: Rod

Adam Hayden ('02) perfects his spike during practice. You can also catch Hayden on the soccer field where he was a member of the JV soccer team.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Bump, Set, Spike...

Let's get fired up, we are fired up. Let's get fired up, we are fired up. Let's get fired up, we are fired up. 1, 2, 3...TEAM." Before every game, the Girls' Varsity Team chants this out loud to get themselves fired up and focused for the game. "The athletes became comfortable performing their skills in competition. This confidence led to a 17-10 record, and a great deal of enjoyment for me as a coach," said Varsity Coach Troy Bennett. The season was also enjoyable and memorable for the whole team. "Everyone on the team got along so well, unlike the past years. I think that's one of the reasons why we did so well this season," stated Lana Emerson ('01). This year, the team had a more successful year than any other, not because of their winning record but because they learned how to work together as one. The girls were 3rd in conference and took 2nd place in the East Aurora Tournament. "Everyone played their role and did it very well. This truly was a team effort!" said Bennett. "I really liked our team this year. We were really close. One event that sticks out of my mind is trying to lock Lea in the equipment room," explained Carrie Poulsom ('02). --Lea Bingayen

Team Record	Team Captains	Team Awards
Conference: 6-4 **Over All:** 17-10	Lana Emerson Lauren Curry	**East Aurora Tournament:** 2nd **Conference:** 3rd

Photo: Arnold Pabalan

"The love for the game and knowing that this will be the last time playing volleyball for this school is what inspires me to do well." --Jhemma Castro ('01).

Photo: Root

"I like to play volleyball because it's fun and I get to play it with my friends," said Colleen Corrigan (02). Corrigan watches the ball focusing on her forearms to make a pass to zone 7.

Photo: Rost

Photo: Angela Palvalan

Lana Emerson

Senior
Captain
All--Conference player
Player of the week for the Chicago Tribune
Most Valuable Player

Photo: Rost

VARSITY: Front: Kary Zarate, Lea Bingayen 2nd: Lauren Curry (captain), Jhemma Castro, Alison Stephans, Carrie Poulsom, Julie Muszynski, Jihae Kim Back: Coach Troy Bennett, Sara Ryan, Lana Emerson (captain), Laura Gross, Kari Schaab

Photo: Rost

SOPHOMORE: Front: Christine Carnate, Devin Jaremus 2nd: Kathryn Barquez, Corinne O'Reilly, Colleen Corrigan, Andrea Roiniotis, Kimberly Edwardson, Heather Johnson Back: Coach Jill Costanzi, Nicolette Larsen, Jennifer Klein, Eileen Ouska, Jennifer Fortman

Photo: Rost

FRESHMAN A: Front: Eunice An, Margaret Kramer, Ashley Ng, Lisa Yee, Kathleen Noonan Back: Coach Ray Carr, Ionna Halkias, Victoria Jimenez, Jessica Patera, Megan Hayes, Christina Sidiropoulos

Photo: Rost

FRESHMAN B: Front: Hannah Kim, Joanna Zajac, Nicolette Pajda, Monica Stankiewicz, Brittney Lindstrom Back: Coach Ray Carr, Princess Hernandez, Megan Bieschke, Jessica Stoneberg, Joan Kim

WRESTLING

What Men Do During Boys' Basketball Season...

Wrestling: what men do during boys' basketball season. This is a popular quote used often during the wrestling season, and can be seen posted in front of the Varsity wrestling players' lockers. It really applies to what these players have to do throughout the whole season. They do extra running, watch food consumption, miss holiday celebrations because of meets and practices, and cut back on family time.

"The tremendous work ethic of the wrestlers and also the self-sacrifice the boys had to make during the season in order to be successful is what motivates me to coach the Varsity team well," comments Coach Howard Fogel.

Both the Varsity and Freshman teams are working hard to finish as two of the best wrestling teams. The Varsity team finished 14th out of 32 at the Barrington Tournament and 10th out of 16 at the Lake Park Tournament. The Freshmen placed 4th at the Deerfield Tournament.

-- Blance Evangelista

Photo: Rose

"What motivates me to coach is seeing the guys start with no experience and end up wrestlers. The team gets along extremely well, and that is the neat thing about wrestling." --Freshman Coach, Bryan Wittersheim.

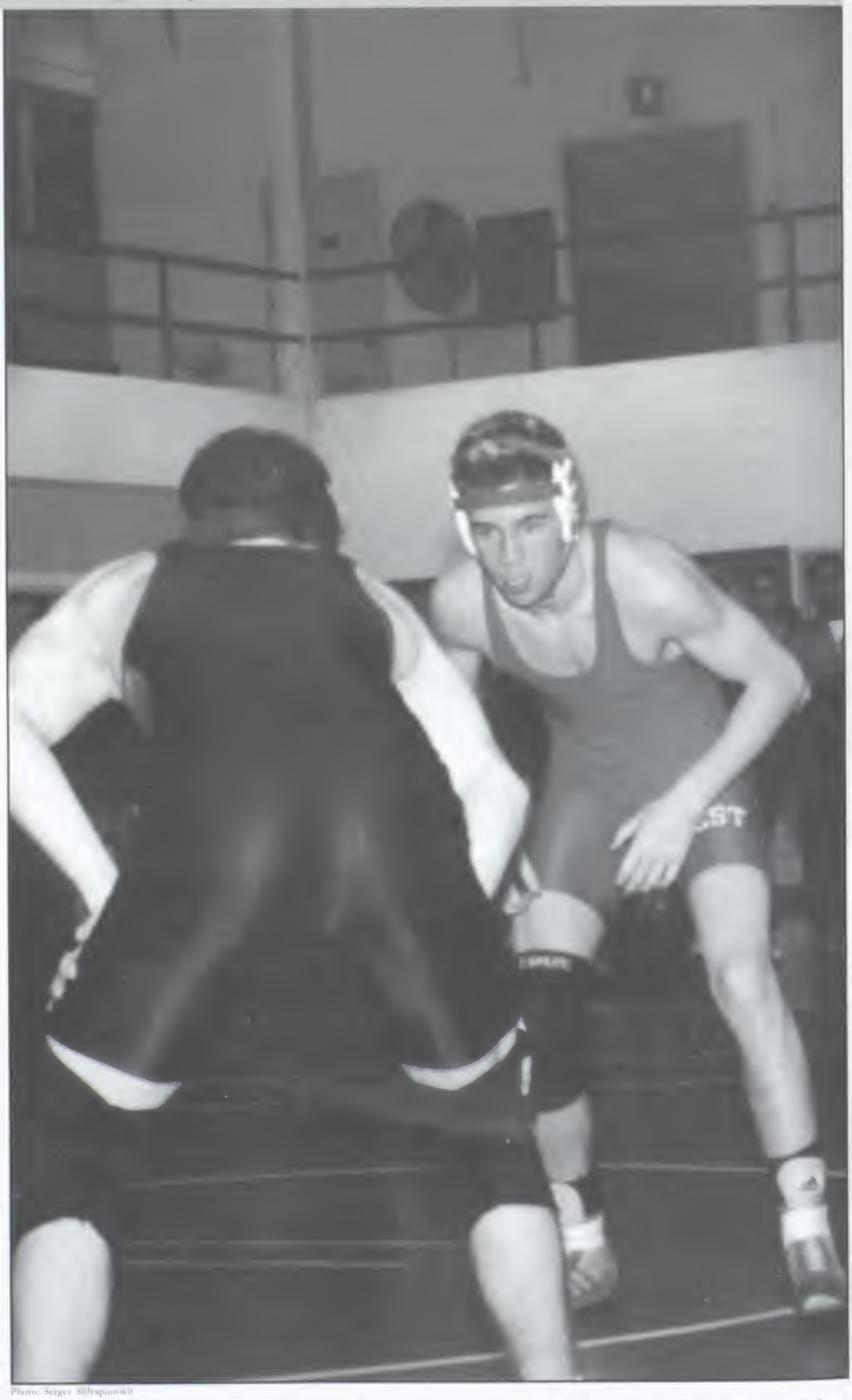

Photo: Sergey Subrapintokli

Above: With great determination and anticipation, Christopher Ravenna ('02) waits eagerly for the whistle of the referee. He sure can not wait to pin down his opponent from Niles North. Top Right: Look at the agony on the opponent's face as Sergio Alzate ('03) keeps him in a headlock. "I try to beat my opponent so badly that he will think about quitting and possibly trying out for baseball," said Alzate.

Photo: Root

Photo: Sergey Shivapintokh

Christopher Ravenna

Year of Graduation: 2002
Height: 5'4"
Weight: 130 lbs.
Accomplishments: Varsity Captain and Julio Adrian Aponte Award recipient.
Motivation: "To work hard and do well."

Photo: Root

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JV/VARSITY: Front: Nicholas Jacobucci, Emmanuel Simon, Christopher Kimura, Gary Kachaturian, David Hawk, Robert Finnerman, Shaun Kimura 2nd: Michael Holmes, Sean Finnerman, Timothy Horvath, Nicholas Pizzolato, Christopher Neitlich, Christopher Ravenna (captain), Dino Kalabogias, Aaron Bendel, Daniel Poloz 3rd: Coach Chuck Corrigan, Coach Howard Fogel, Kyle Kozlowski, Larry Masarsky, Artem Boldetskiy (captain), Shaun Ralph, Coach Sean Delahanty, Coach Mario Faso Back: Kaushal Patel, Matthew Uyeno, David Kramarz, Matthew Petra, Sergio Alzate, Adil Kolovic, Cory Freeman

FRESHMAN: Front: Wayne Westby, Jack Gould, Danny Carnow, Garret Kozlowski, Edward Rouzin-Moy, Jeffrey Elster, Jason Sachs, Samir Bektasevic 2nd: Joey Galambos, Patrick Nikodem, Jon Levine, Charlie Gockenbach, Shaun Ralph, Damian Kulikowski, Marc Javanshad, Vlad Bezuyevskiy, Ryan Brkljacic 3rd: Coach Bryan Wittersheim, Kevin Borkenhagen, Othon Gomez, Eric Courtney, David Lee, Iqbal Shariff, Patrick Dogiakos, Coach Marv Bornschlegl Back: Greg Saraceno, Sherley Delma, Charlie Piasny, Michael Johanson, Andrew Johnson, Adrian Slemmons, Adrian Briones

Photo: Sergey Shivapintokh

Varsity team players celebrate by shouting and giving high fives after a successful match against New Trier. Their faces show how well they all get along and what kind of bonds they form during the season.

Kaushal Patel ('01) maneuvers his opponent to get him into a pin. Although Patel did not pin his opponent, he still won the match by getting the most points in six minutes.

CHEERLEADING

Go, Fight, Win!

Though many people don't know it, cheerleaders are actually involved in more than just cheering at games. Over the summer, all of the squads practice three days a week in order to prepare for the Universal Cheerleading Association's summer camp. They traveled to NIU for a four day camp where they learned new cheers, dances, and stunts to perform at the games. At the dance competition, both Varsity and Freshman placed first. Later in the year, the Varsity and JV squads attended a UCA competition at Joliet High School. Varsity came in second place and received a bid to the national competition in Orlando, Florida. Varsity Captain Joyce Sia ('01) remarked, "Our finish at competition was the highlight of the year. It was our goal from the beginning to make it to Nationals." --Pamela Quinn

Photos Courtesy of Pat Quinn

Right: The varsity squad is all smiles at the Regional Competition at Joliet High School. Upper Right: Show that school spirit! The Varsity Cheerleaders perform their Homecoming routine at the assembly on October 5th.

Photos Rest

FALL FRESHMAN: Front: Kristina Tracey, Jennelyn Noche 2nd: Nicole Amsberry, Courtney Tutt, Becky Sanderman Back: Coach Sarah Klein, Erin Donnelly, Luchie Lopez, Lisa Derrickson, Coach Sara Lichter

WINTER FRESHMAN: Front: Jennelyn Noche (captain), Kristina Tracey (captain) 2nd: Nicole Amsberry, Monica Castillo, Emily Saltz, Luchie Lopez, Lisa Derrickson, Courtney Tutt, Becky Sanderman Back: Coach Jodi Anderson, Laura Phillips, Samantha Rosati, Erin Donnelly, Emily Gonzales, Lauren Pantazis

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Photo: Courtesy of Mindy Sukantawanich

Mindy Sukantawanich

* Senior Captain and UCA All-Star
"The cheerleading program has really improved as a whole. The JV and Freshman teams have stepped up, tackling difficult stunts usually reserved for Varsity squads."

Photo: Rose

FALL VARSITY: Front: Joyce Sia, Coach Mindy Slutzky, Mindy Sukantawanich 2nd: Allison Coorlas, Jennifer Kong, Ida Plaza Back: Roselle Pasia, Meghan Gurewitz, Daniela Guzman, Pamela Quinn, Kathleen Panares

Photo: Rose

WINTER VARSITY: Front: Joyce Sia (captain), Coach Mindy Slutzky, Mindy Sukantawanich (captain) 2nd: Vanessa Pasia, Jennifer Kong, Angela Kang, Ida Plaza Back: Pamela Quinn, Meghan Gurewitz, Daniela Guzman, Roselle Pasia, Kathleen Panares

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FALL SOPHOMORES: Front: Kelley Stein, Amanda Dehne, Monica Dabul Back: Coach Alexandra Landon, Corina Nasui, Jessica Scharaga, Maryann Arsenijevic

Photo: Rose

WINTER SOPHOMORES: Front: Lace Franks (captain), Coach Alexandra Landon, Lia Palivos (captain) 2nd: Monica Dabul, Kathy Benetatos Back: Kelley Stein, Corina Nasui, Maryann Arsenijevic, Katie Kriticos

POMS

The Year of Success...

Most groups take months to create and perfect a routine; Varsity Poms can master their's in less than a week. It's not surprising, then, that the Poms squad has been so successful this year. The success began over the summer, when they attended Universal Dance Association's four day camp at Indiana University. The squad came in second place in the home Pom routine competition, and received a bid to Nationals in Orlando, Florida. Also at UDA camp, Sonja Vranjes ('01) and Lolade Akintunde ('01) were selected as UDA All-Stars and were offered a chance to march in a parade in Paris, France. "The option to try out for All-Stars is left only for seniors. I've been waiting to tryout since sophomore year, and I was so excited to get the chance and be selected!" stated Captain Sonja Vranjes. On first of February the girls traveled to Orlando for nationals, and did extremely well. Vranjes remarked, "Our success this year had a lot to do with Mrs. Hesser. She inspires us to work hard and to never be satisfied until it's (routine) perfect."
--Pamela Quinn

Photo: Rees

Photo: Reeta Mattoush

"Being captain for two years is an experience I will never forget. I am very proud of our accomplishments this year and how close we all have become." -- Sonja Vranjes

Above: Riding in fashionable style, a few of the Pomer's ride on top of a convertible during the Homecoming parade. Upper Right: For the basketball season, the Poms squad puts on their performance during the game. Many come to the games just to check out the halftime show.

Photo: Berta Aramouni

Coach Sarell Hesser

"I am very proud to be the Varsity Poms coach. Interacting with these talented, enthusiastic, dedicated girls is truly rewarding. It's a shame more people can't experience the joy and fulfillment I have had every year I have coached."

Photo: Root

FALL VARSITY: Front: Coach Sarell Heser, Sonja Vranjes (captain) 2nd: Krisitina Govostis, Agnes Cha, Julia Pravnik, Jacqueline Collens 3rd: Brenda Teruel, Tiffany Clarito, Mila Lipovetsky, Sophia Sidiropoulos, Melanie Cuaresma 4th: Chrisitina Martinez, Joann Dominguez, Joanna Park, Boyoung Kim, Jessica Sotelo, Jill Vora Back: Maria Politis, Suzanne Ryan, Elizabeth Walton, Lolade Akintunde, Tina Pitsios

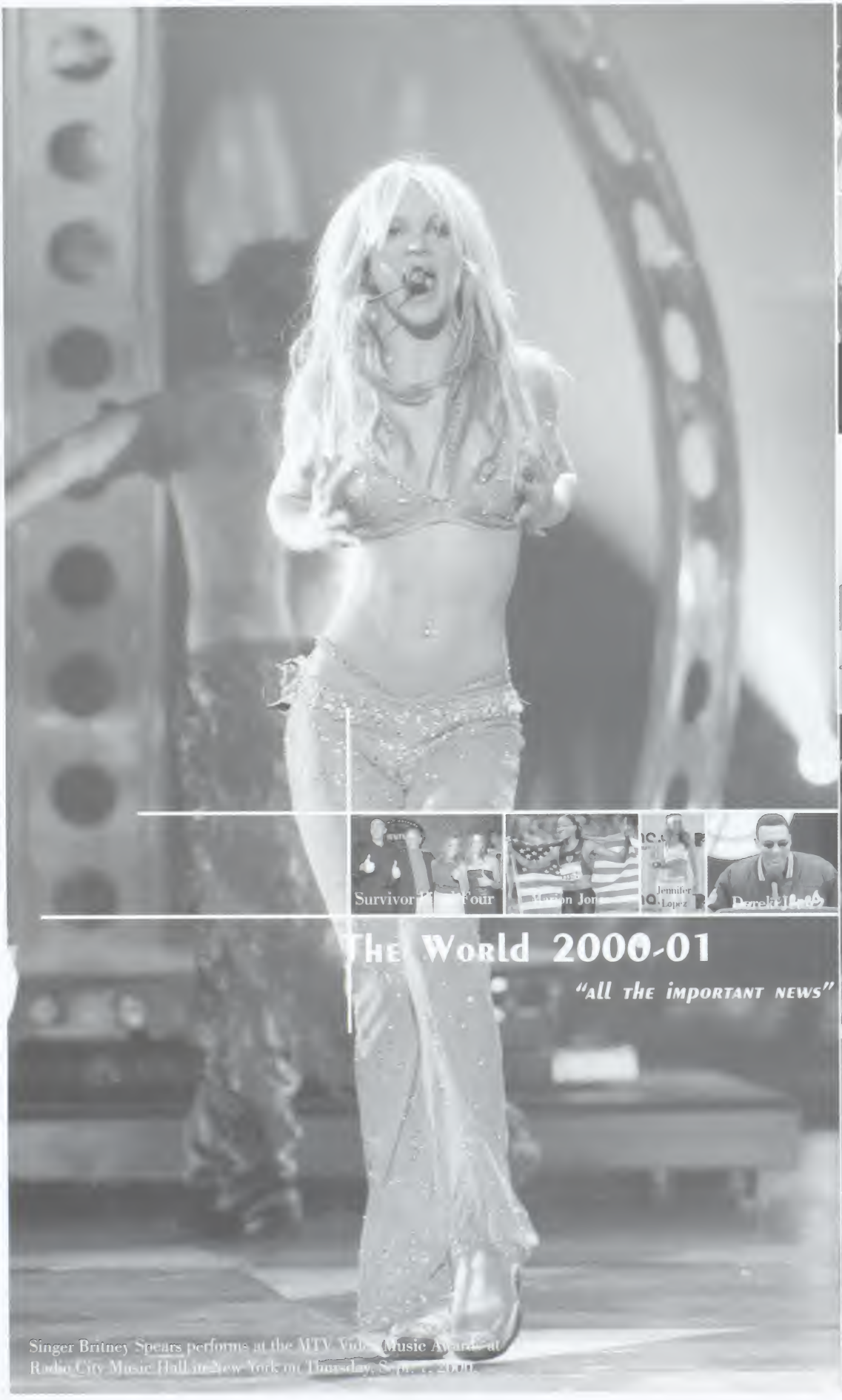
Photo: Root

WINTER VARSITY: Front: Sonja Vranjes (captain), Coach Sarell Hesser 2nd: Kristina Govostis, Jacqueline Collens, Tiffany Clarito, Sopia Sidiropoulos, Brenda Teruel, Julia Pravnik Back: Boyoung Kim, Suzanne Ryan, Maria Politis, Tina Pitsios, Joann Dominguez, Mila Lipovetsky, Jill Vora

FALL JV: Front: Melissa Caballero, Hannah Rutzen 2nd: Coach Maureen Azcoitia Back: Ariane Garcia, Kim Ho, Marisa Edwards, Jamie Willis, Naomi Miyake, Theresa Kim

Photo: Root

WINTER JV: Front: Melissa Caballero (captain), Hannah Rutzen (captain) 2nd: Naomi Miyake, Maria Yankova, Kim Ho, Kathryn Barquez, Jamie Willis, Theresa Kim, Ariane Garcia Back: Coach Maureen Azcoitia, Andrea Markewych, Elena Dimoulis, Elizabeth Kim, Christina Sidiropoulos, Coach Lynne Rauser



Singer Britney Spears performs at the MTV Video Music Awards at Radio City Music Hall in New York on Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000.

Tour de France

Cast of Big Brother

Ellis Island

President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney

California fires

Survivor

Jennifer Lopez

Derek Jeter

The World 2000-01

"all the important news"

Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Al Gore and Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., wave to the crowd gathered in downtown Nashville, Tenn., Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2000, for a rally announcing Lieberman as Gore's running mate.

CURRENT EVENTS

Matthau, died at age 79, was buried at Pierce Brothers Westwood Village Memorial Park, where Marilyn Monroe is buried.

A father and his four children cross flooded fields at Sitmamarhi, in the eastern Indian state of Bihar, Sunday, Aug. 6, 2000. Thousands of families have been affected by the flood that has submerged large areas in six districts of Bihar.

Kusek Submirine sinks. No survivers.

Kweisi Mfume, president and chief executive officer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, addresses the NAACP's annual convention in Baltimore

Protests in Yugoslavia

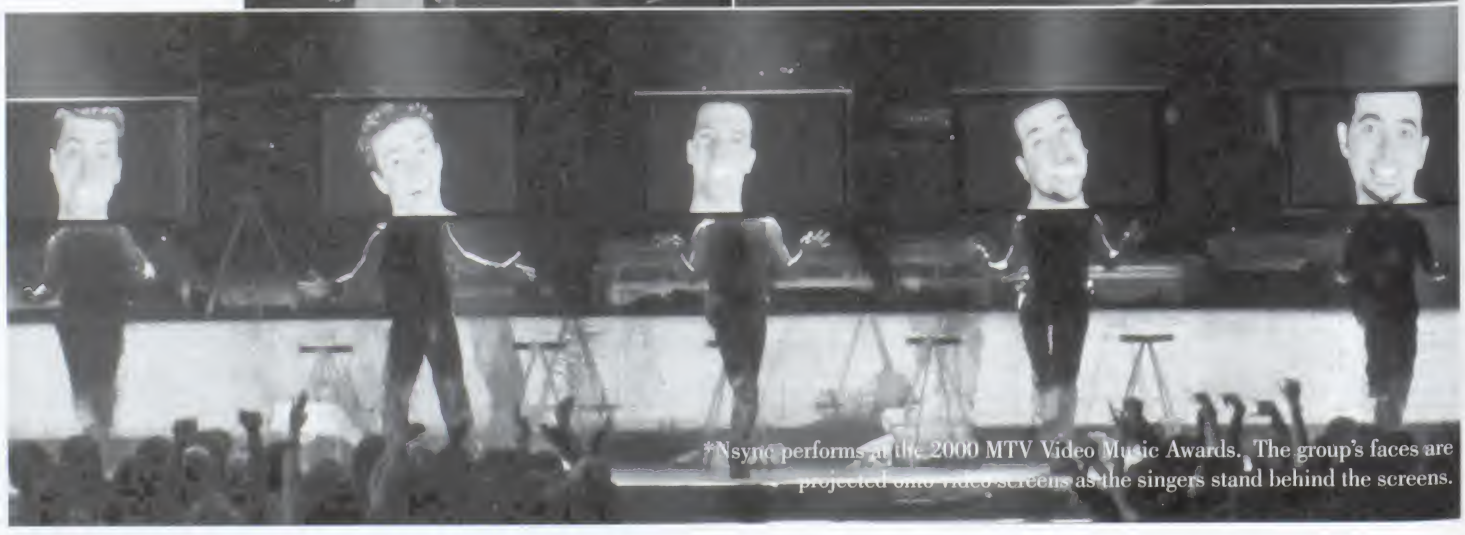
Rap artist Eminem performs at the 2000 MTV Video Music Awards Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000, at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

Singer Christina Aguilera performs at the MTV Video Music Awards.

Venus Williams wins Wimbledon. She fights it out against her sister.

Rock star Fred Durst arrives at the 2000 MTV Video Music Awards.

ENTERTAINMENT

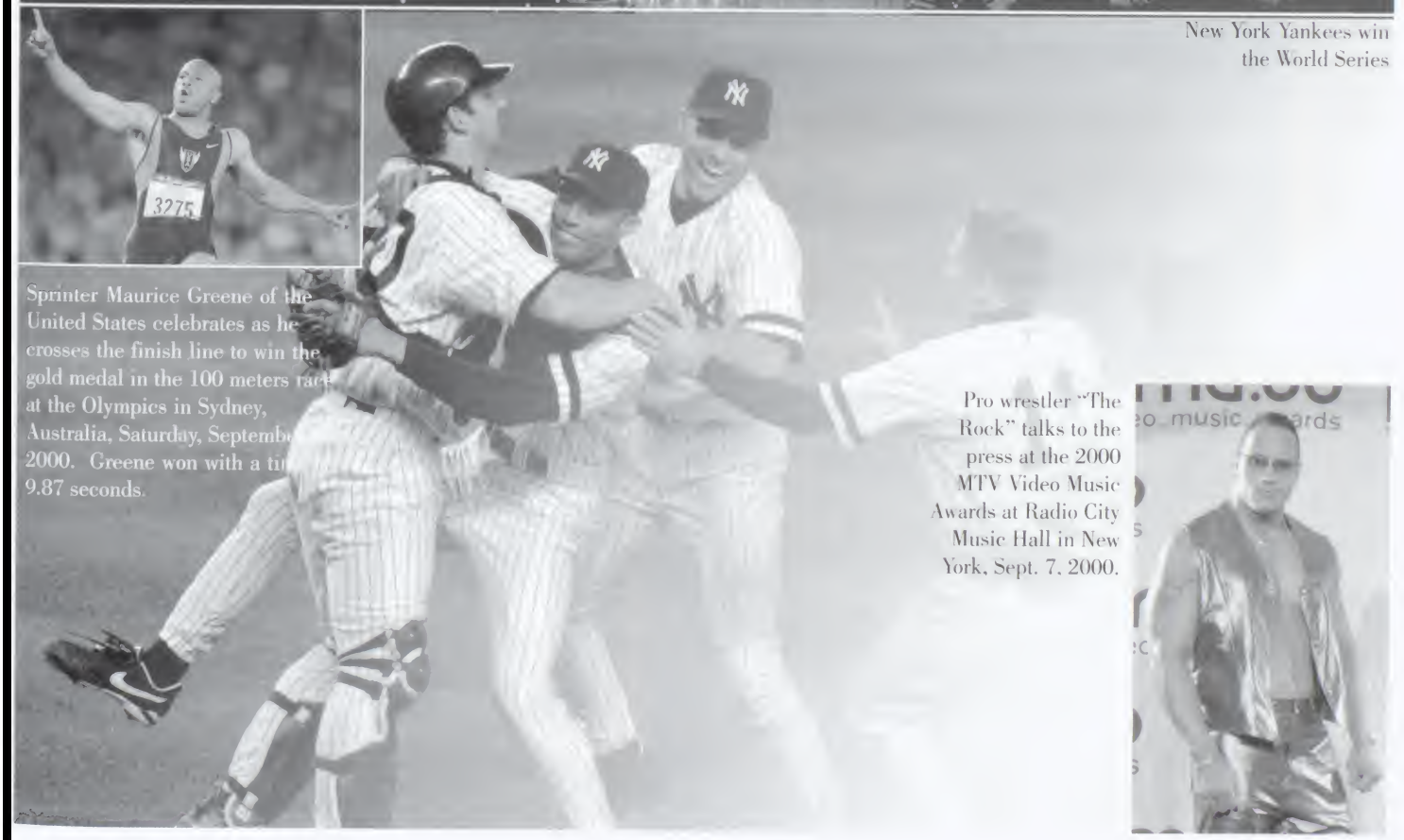


*Nsync performs at the 2000 MTV Video Music Awards. The group's faces are projected onto video screens as the singers stand behind the screens.

Sports

2000 Olympic Games Closing Ceremony in Sydney, Austrailia

Sprinter Maurice Greene of the United States celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the gold medal in the 100 meters race at the Olympics in Sydney, Australia, Saturday, September 2000. Greene won with a time 9.87 seconds.



New York Yankees win the World Series

Pro wrestler "The Rock" talks to the press at the 2000 MTV Video Music Awards at Radio City Music Hall in New York, Sept. 7, 2000.

Dimitra Giannalhopolous ('01) and Meghan Current ('02) take time off from school to eyeball their favorite muscle mag. They just read it for the articles--or so they say.

Band member Adam Rosenthal ('01) cuts loose a slow, deep song from the depths of his tuba. It takes a lot of lung power to support the sound coming out of the instrument, but Rosenthal seems prepared.

Pam Quinn ('01) throw her arms back with joy as the cheerleaders complete their routine at the Homecoming assembly. Performers put many hours after school into perfecting their art for the student body.

Stopping for directions

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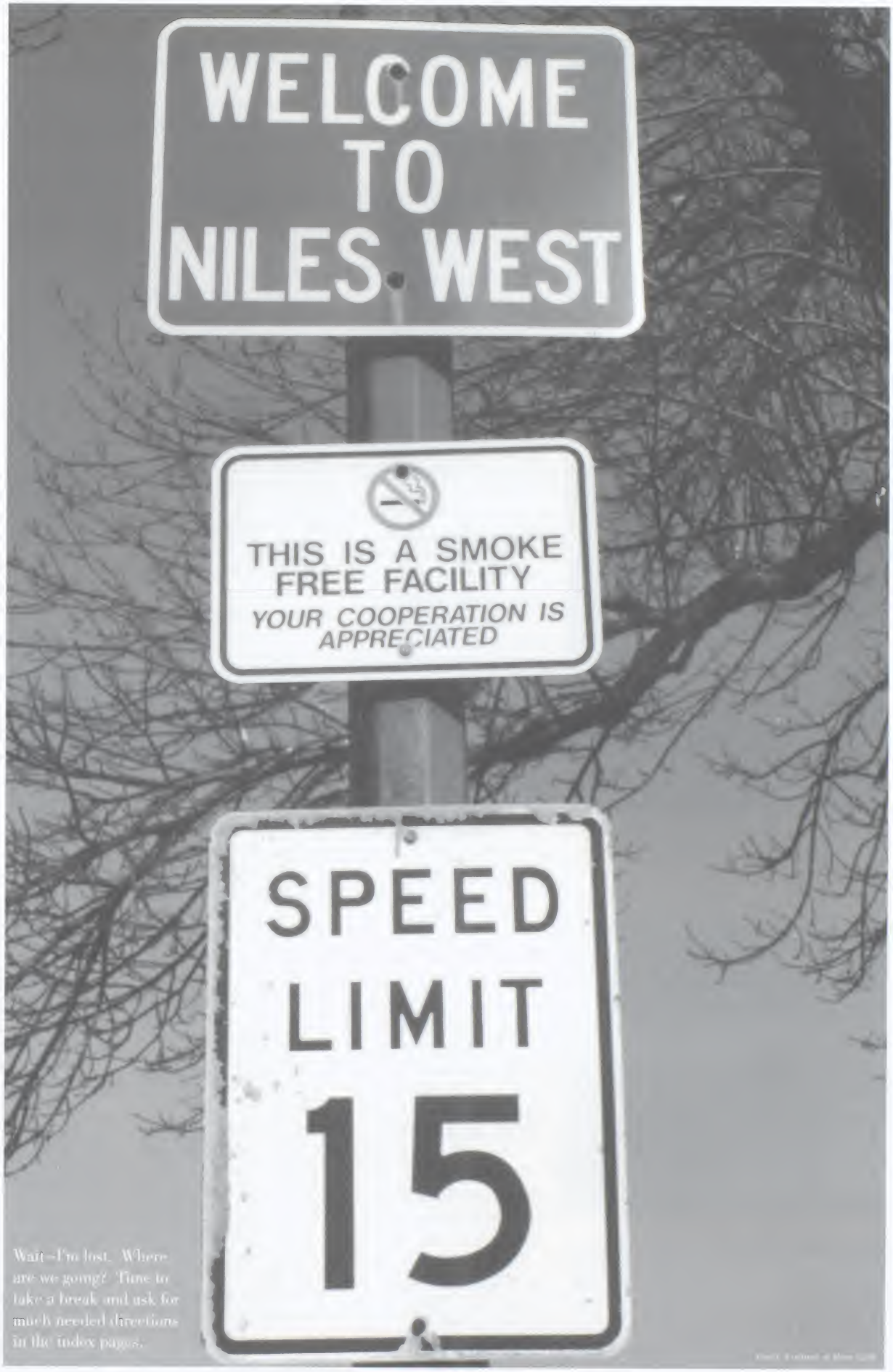
Right: Annie DiMaria ('02) clings tenaciously to David Perzov ('02). Perzov looks very happy to be in that position.

Far Right: Brook Stafford ('01) completes her Halloween costume in fashion class. Stafford will be dressing up as a cowgirl, "Yee-haw!"



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Academic Bowl

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exit 219 West ...

What a great road trip it's been! Please exit accordingly.

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What was your most memorable West experience?

"My most memorable experience was this year's homecoming parade. I was on Senior Cabinet's float and we got free pizza and sang and danced and had a lot of fun. I've done these parades since freshman year and this year was the best year ever." --Nadeen Israel ('01)

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What are some of the difficulties you encounter at Niles West?

"One of the difficulties I have encountered at Niles West this year is trying to get to classes on time without stopping a million times to go to my locker or stop to talk to my friends. I would advise people to have friends of different races and interests." --Atour Toma ('01)

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What would you do after taking a road trip?

"I like to stretch and maybe listen to some tunes, maybe play the guitar and then just sit and ponder my road trip." --Joshua Solomon ('03)

Going....

Photo: Lindsay Perlen

...going...

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gone!

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Well, we have ended up back where we started! Our journey has taken many detours and gone over many bumps, but with persistence and patience we made it back to Oakton Street.

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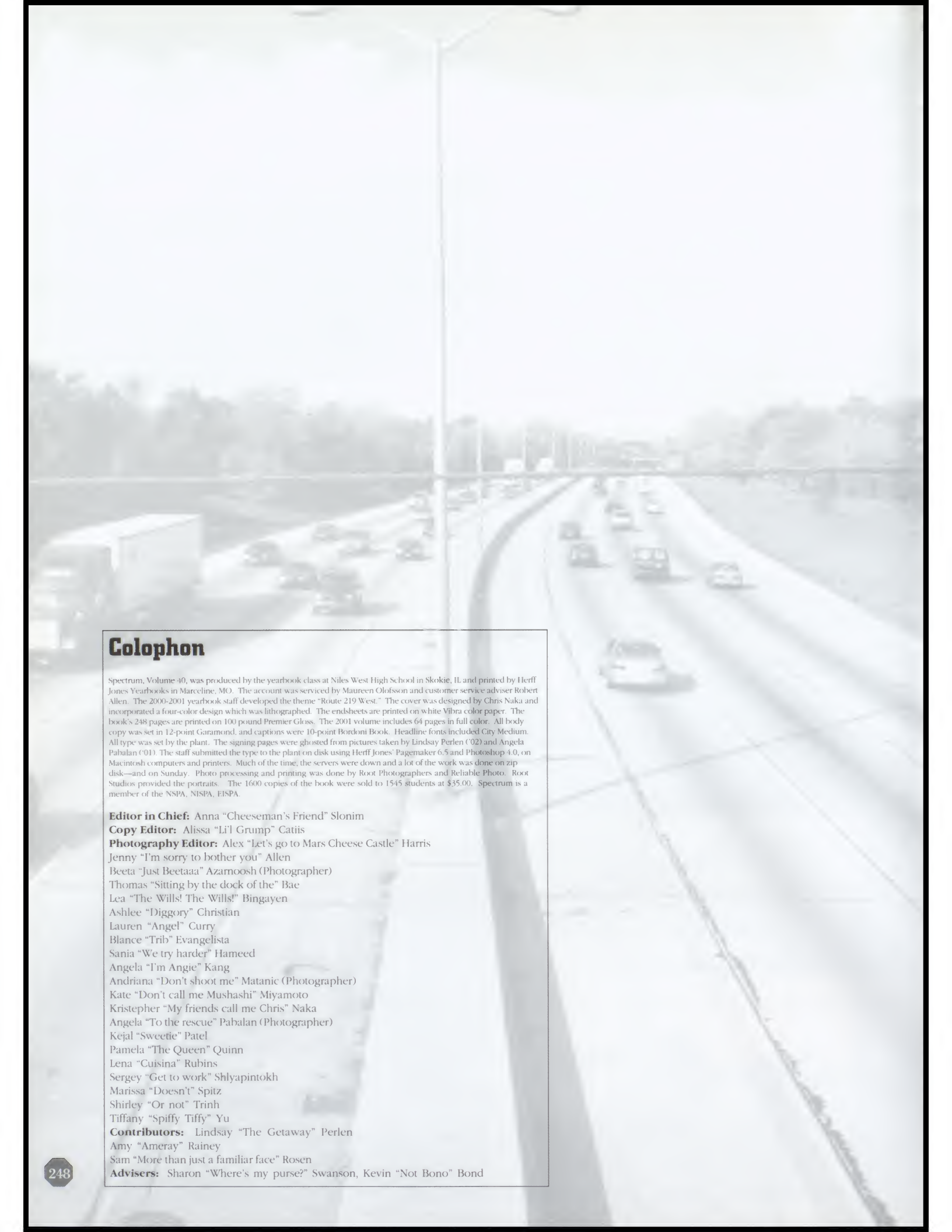
Just like many times on a road trip, many times in life you will have to look back and see where you have been or what's headed your way. Do not forget to check your rear view mirror before changing lanes!

Students who have a mod 29 class often take this door by the science wing to get to their buses. It is a cool entrance because the glass windows reflect the clouds, making it seem almost high tech.



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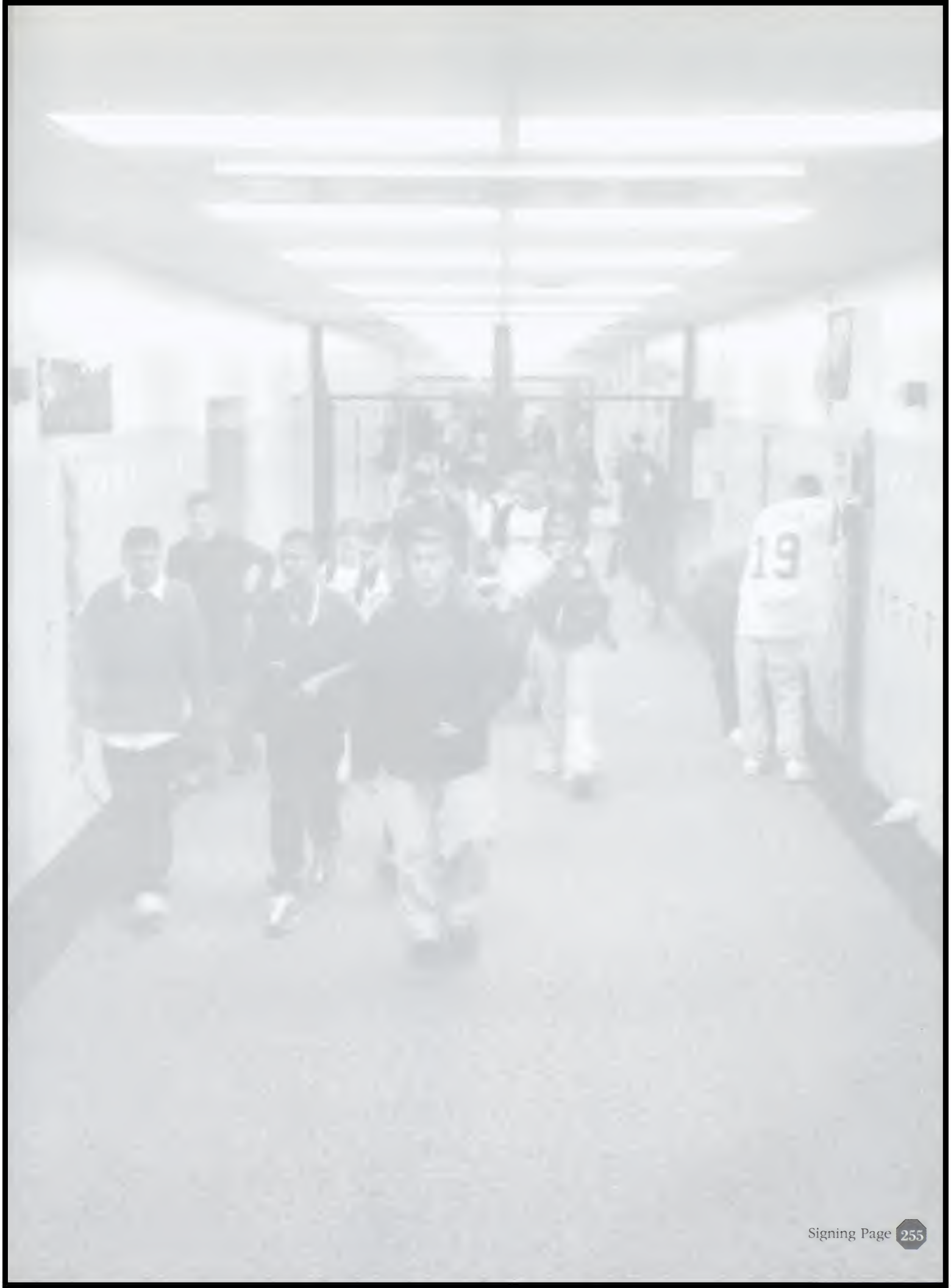

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